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SIR,

IN continuation of the Criminal Administration Report for 1879, I have now the honor to submit a report on the administration of justice by the Civil and Rent Courts during the same period, and to forward the usual tabular statements compiled in this office, together with District Judges, Deputy Commissioners, and Commissioners' reports in original As the Civil Courts were separated from the 1st August, two sets of reports on this Department have been rendered; *viz*, for the first seven months by the 12 Deputy Commissioners and for the last 5 months by the 4 District Judges In the Imperial returns, the statistics for the whole year have been compiled according to the classes of tribunals prescribed by the Government of India but in the Provincial returns the statistics have been arranged, so as to show the working of the Courts under Act XXXII. of 1871, as rendered by Deputy Commissioners, and that of the new Courts under Act XIII of 1879, as rendered by the District Judges, in two distinct groups

2. Litigation generally declined during 1879 compared with the preceding year, as shown by the subjoined figures, and in fact it has not been so low since 1871 —

	Instituted in	
	1878	1879
Ordinary Civil Courts	36 290	30 931
Small Cause Courts	5,125	4,881
Rent Courts	26 815	24,293
Total ...	69,230	60,105

CIVIL.

3 From the subjoined memo. of suits instituted during the last two years it will be seen that under eight classes there was a decrease, while there was an increase in five, besides these thirteen classes, there are seven others (columns 25 to 29, 31 and 38) under which 481 suits were instituted as against 441 in 1878, but the actuals in detail are very small, and the nature of these suits is not such as to require any special notice of their fluctuations

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Suits Instituted.

4 The character of the litigation, of which there was a decrease, goes to show, in my opinion, that the falling off is due in a large measure to the improved condition of the population in 1879, after the scarcity which overtook them in the preceding year,

though, of course, the sickness which prevailed towards the close of the past year must also have affected the institution of suits as it did complaints of crime.

	1878.	1879.
Decrease.		
Written obligation	11,840	10,984
Movable property	4,638	3,945
Unwritten obligation	4,764	3,771
Accounts stated	2,880	2,289
Damages	1,693	1,440
Goods sold	2,159	1,413
Breach of contract	1,752	1,411
Rent not falling under Rent Act	417	303
Increase		
Immovable property	2,788	3,759
Money paid and received	806	818
Rights to real property	546	683
Specific performance	171	191
Enforcement of matrimonial rights	92	123

5. The increase in litigation for land is a deplorable feature, and indicates that many borrowers of previous years had failed to extricate themselves and were more hard pressed than usual; it is well known that the terrible drought of 1877 led to a great increase in loans on the security of immovable property. The bulk of these suits seems to be instituted in the Unao, Hardoi, Fyzabad, and Sultanpur districts; the increase in the last two is partly attributed to the closing of the settlements, while Unao is unfortunately situated, as being considerably under pressure from Cawnpore as well as local money-lenders, and also much under the influence of legal practitioners.

Column 22 of the provincial return No. VI. gives the details of the 2,553 suits for land filed in each district within the first seven months of the year, and the subjoined statement shows the number instituted in each district before the new Civil Courts:

District.	*Columns 1 to 9 of No VI., suits for money*		Column 18 for immovable property.	All other suits
	Up to Rs. 500.	Above Rs. 500		
Lucknow	380	39	88	42
Unao	779	14	136	32
Bara Banki	565	24	70	21
Sitapur	736	26	40	21
Hardoi	677	10	133	35
Kheri	714	5	98	22
Fyzabad	906	14	202	64
Gonda	1,093	19	98	54
Bahraich	1,338	11	32	30
Rae Bareli	842	16	106	32
Sultanpur	502	3	182	38
Partabgarh...	590	9	91	12
Total	8,622	190	1,206	410

It will also be seen that the bulk of the litigation which came before the new Courts was of the nature of Small Cause Court cases (for money and movables) not exceeding Rs. 500 in value.

Applications instituted

6. Applications other than suits fell off from 5,667 to 4,666 in the past two years; these include 541 applications to issue notice of foreclosure, Unao returning no fewer than 253. Transfers of land have been, and I fear are likely to remain, numerous in this district, as there are many petty zamindars, and the holdings of a large proportion of them are heavily encumbered.

There were 55 applications for the redemption of mortgages, or 28 more than in the preceding year. Such applications will continue to be filed before Deputy

Commissioners, and will not be shown hereafter in return No. VI. of the Civil Courts; but as it is important to review them in connection with suits for land, District Judges should obtain the statistical particulars from Deputy Commissioners in future

Applications to sue as paupers decreased from 288 in 1878 to 240, of which only 48 were admitted by the new and old Civil Courts; it would be useful if the values of the admitted claims were furnished in future.

Territorial jurisdictions of new Courts.

7. The present territorial jurisdictions of some of the new Courts is open to improvement, and the defects have been under Mr. Capper's consideration; but he deemed it advisable to obtain more practical experience of the working of the Courts before recommending any changes. It seemed to him not improbable that a reduction in the number of circles would be found practicable, and, having this contingency in view, he refrained from committing Government to the construction of any permanent buildings as Court houses, although more than one such proposition came before him. The District Judges have reported in more or less detail on some of the inequalities of jurisdiction.

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Value of property under litigation.

8. The total value of property under litigation was Rs. 38,30,065, or Rs 4,33,390 less than in 1878; the decline in litigition during 1879 sufficiently accounts for this decrease.

There were two* suits exceeding one Jakh decided during the past year, as against one in the preceding. Falling off in suits above Rs. 10,000, but not exceeding Rs. 1,00,000, was very marked, there having been 26 in 1879 to 54 in 1878; of these 26, the larger proportions appertained to the Lucknow, Fyzabad, and Sitapur districts. In addition to the 31,860 suits accounted for in this return as decided by the ordinary Civil Courts, the District Judge of Lucknow has noted 33 for enforcement of matrimonial rights, resumption of muáfi tenures, and other declaratory decrees, the value of which is not definite.

	Rs.
*In Bara Banki for	... 2,59,755
„ Lucknow for	.. 1,20,000

Cost of litigation

9. Although the percentage (11) of costs to value generally has been the same for the past two years, yet the costs in petty suits seem to have risen since 1878; and the principal reason of this may be that cases were more hotly contested in the year under report: the proportion being 42 per cent. for 1879 to 39 per cent. for 1878.

Class			1878.	1879.
Not exceeding	Rs 5	...	26	28
„	„ 20	...	15	17
„	„ 100	...	13	14

10. I do not lay much stress on the proportion of costs in litigation generally, for the disposal of a larger number of suits of higher value in any year will always lower a district percentage, and wealthy suitors can well look after their own interests. But petty litigants, I am convinced, still need the vigilant control of the Courts towards repressing unnecessary costs, particularly by the discouragement of pleaders when there is no actual need for professional aid, and in the refusal of pleaders' fees in other cases also when they do not render proper aid to the Courts. If such control is at all relaxed, contested cases will necessarily increase, without any advantage to either suitors or tribunals.

11. The introduction in 1879 of a monthly return, showing the number and value of suits below Rs. 100 in which each officer has awarded pleaders' fees, has undoubtedly effected some relief to petty suitors. I subjoin a table showing the number of such suits decided by the new Civil Courts in 1879, the number in which pleaders' fees were awarded, and the percentage of costs to value in the three specified classes. The number in which pleaders' fees were allowed does not form a large proportion to the total decided; but the insignificant value of some in which such fees were decreed as costs indicates the necessity for closer supervision by appellate Courts of the monthly return

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Suits decided according to values and costs.

Value of suit.	Lucknow.		Unao.		Bara Banki.		Sitapur.		Hardoi.		Kheri.		Fyzabad.		Gonda.		Bahraich.		Rae Bareli.		Sultanpur.		Partabgarh.	
	Number.	Percentage of cost to value.	Number.	Percentage of cost to value.	Number.	Percentage of cost to value.	Number.	Percentage of cost to value.	Number.	Percentage of cost to value.	Number.	Percentage of cost to value.	Number.	Percentage of cost to value.	Number.	Percentage of cost to value.	Number.	Percentage of cost to value.	Number.	Percentage of cost to value.	Number.	Percentage of cost to value.	Number.	Percentage of cost to value.
Not exceeding Rs. 5 ...	55	47	138	37	94	29	135	30	81	41	129	30	130	43	104	35	342	29	66	36	119	33	93	32
„ „ 20 ...	180	23	353	20	304	21	358	20	290	18	326	18	322	23	376	16	681	18	309	19	289	19	415	17
„ „ 100 ...	225	17	419	14	299	14	350	16	473	12	290	13	340	16	401	11	461	12	509	18	385	15	441	15

	District.	Number of suits under Rs. 100 in which pleader's fee was allowed.	Value of smallest suit.	Fee awarded.	District.	Number of suits under Rs. 100 in which pleader's fee was allowed.	Value of smallest suit.	Fee awarded.	District.	Number of suits under Rs. 100 in which pleader's fee was allowed.	Value of smallest suit.	Fee awarded.	District.	Number of suits under Rs. 100 in which pleader's fee was allowed.	Value of smallest suit.	Fee awarded.
			Rs. a. p.				Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.			Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.			Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
Petty suits in which pleader's fees were decreed.	Lucknow ...	66	10 8 0	Not supplied.	Sitapur ...	23	6 0 0	0 4 0	Fyzabad ...	72	3 0 0	0 4 0	Rae Bareli ..	141	32 0 0	1 10 0
	Unao ...	19	5 0 0		Hardoi ...	45	10 0 0	0 8 0	Gonda ...	2	60 0 0	3 0 0	Sultanpur ...	51	8 6 6	0 6 3
	Bara Banki ..	18	5 0 0		Kheri ...	21	12 0 0	0 9 6	Bahraich ...	5	30 0 0	1 8 0	Partabgarh...	93	10 0 0	1 7 0
	Total ...	103	...			89	...	...		79	...	...		255	...	...

12. The District Judge of Sitapur has written at great length on the probable causes of suits not exceeding Rs. 5 in value having been so expensively adjudicated in Hardoi, as shown in this return ; but Mr. Capper was not satisfied that the Judge's conclusions were founded on the cases decided during the year, and he therefore called for statements showing the value and nature of each suit below Rs. 5 decided by the Sub-Judge and Munsifs of the Hardoi district, and also the details of costs decreed in the same. I subjoin a compilation of three statements received, from which it will be seen that it is the process fee which presses unduly on such petty suits ; if there should happen to be two or more defendants in a case, the rate of six annas for a summons acts so harshly as to call for its amendment in regard to such suits. How far it may be reduced, however, must be considered separately. "Other costs" include diet-money paid to witnesses, cost of copies and other incidental expenses, the award of which is within the discretion of the Courts. Of the 56 suits entered in the compilation, all but twelve were of the nature of Small Cause Court cases; so that the District Judge's remarks, as to costs being enhanced by a large proportion of suits being for immovable property and to establish titles, are not borne out by these three statements.

Court.	Number of suits.	Total value.	Total cost.	Percentage of cost to value.	Court fee	Process fee.	Percentage of cost to value.	Pleader's fee and power.	Other costs.
		Rs. a. p.	Rs a, p.		Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.		Rs a. p.	Rs. a p.
Sub-Judge, Hardoi,	17	66 15 6	29 7 0	43·	6 6 0	11 9 0	16·	1 8 0	10 8 0
Mumif, Sandila ...	25	91 5 0	37 13 0	42	9 6 0	16 4 0	18·	...	16 4 0
Ditto, Bilgram ...	14	39 14 0	35 8 0	90	5 4 0	16 2 0	40	1 12 0	12 6 0

RETURN VIII.

Suits decided.

13. The ordinary Civil Courts decided 32,238 suits, or 2,823 less than in 1878 ; those under Act XXXII. of 1871 disposing of 19,862 in the first seven months, or on an average of 2,837 monthly ; while the new Courts in four working months decided 12,125, or 3,031 monthly. This is a satisfactory feature, as the latter are naturally expected to show a better outturn.

Pending cases

14. There were 5,170 suits pending on the 1st January, 1879 ; the new Courts commenced work on the 1st August with 5,763 suits received by transfer, and the year closed with 4,144 cases undecided A very large proportion (1,197 suits) of the transfers were received in Gonda : hence the Fyzabad District Judge's return shows a comparatively large number of pending suits at the close of 1879. Somewhat heavy files were also received in Fyzabad, Bara Banki, and in the districts of the Rae Bareli division.

Duration of cases.

15. From the average duration of cases returned by Deputy Commissioners for the first seven months, it would appear that, with the exception of Gonda, Hardoi, and Sultanpur, suits were decided with promptitude ; the provincial averages for this period were 46 days in contested and 32 in uncontested cases, the corresponding figures for 1878 being 53 and 37 days. The epidemic of fever which prevailed during the last quarter of 1879 had sensibly affected the disposal of cases by the new Courts : hence the provincial average durations for the last five months were higher, *i.e.*, 64 days in contested and 46 in uncontested suits. But the returns of the Lucknow division are even more favorable than the provincial averages for the first seven months, while only the Fyzabad and Rae Bareli divisions' returns compare very unfavorably. It may be that the duration of some of the pending settlement cases received by transfer from the old Courts have disfigured those returns, if so, they should be omitted in future in calculating durations, as already directed by instructions to Deputy Commissioners.

16. I subjoin a table of trials before the new Civil Courts in each district. it will aid District Judges in watching the fluctuation of contested cases, besides exhibiting the districts in which some help may be necessary for the disposal of arrears :—

District.	Contested. (a)		Uncontested. (b)		Average duration of		Pending suits	
	No.	Per cent	No.	Per cent	(a) Days.	(b) Days	No.	Oldest date.
Lucknow ...	326	52·	303	48	83	76	178	20th December, 1878
Unao	544	49·	563	51·	22	33	129	26th May, 1879.
Bara Banki ...	3806	47	426	53	21	32	234	28th March, 1879
Sitapur	395	40	604	60	40	84	171	22nd May, 1879.
Hardoi	502	46	595	54	43	54	303	17th April, 1879.
Kheri	305	37	530	63·	24	27	140	19th April, 1879.
Fyzabad	550	58·	405	42	49	57	411	15th April, 1878
Gonda	469	46	543	54·	159	134	1659	28th March, 1878
Bahraich	522	34·	994	66	26	36	95	8th July, 1879
Rae Bareli	475	45	582	55·	33	52	179	4th April, 1879
Sultanpur	419	44	524	56	85	108	464	30th January, 1879.
Partabgarh ...	398	36·	713	64·	47	66	181	27th March, 1879

17. The following comparative statement of the incidence of trials during the past two years shows that there has been no striking fluctuations in the disposal of cases :—

Incidence of trials

	1878	1879
Dismissed for default	6,730	6,210
Withdrawn and compromised	4,010	3,590
Decreed on confession	5,734	4,609
Ditto *ex parte*	3,716	3,099
Dismissed ditto	746	761
Decreed after contest { In favor of plaintiff ...	9,015	8,947
{ Ditto defendant ...	4,579	4,656

I have already in para. 9 drawn attention to the increase of contested cases; and Mr. Capper issued very stringent orders during the year that cases were not to be struck off in default or decreed *ex parte* in defiance of the law.

18. The unpaid sub-divisional tribunals disposed of 2,625 suits in the year, and I submit the names of the following nine Honorary Assistant Commissioners as deserving of the special acknowledgments of Government for the large number of suits decided by them.

Honorary Assistant Commissioners

	Cases.
Rája Jang Bahadar Khán (Bahraich)	520
Rája Chitpal Singh (Partabgarh)	311
Chaudri Naunihal Singh (Unao)	258
Syed Muhammad Ashraf (Hardoi)	248
Rája Amir Hasan Khan (Sitapur)	212
Rája Shamsher Bahadur (Hardoi)	153
Kuar Harnam Singh (Bahraich)	149
Rája Jang Bahadur Sah (Kheri)	138
Mir Farhat Ali (Gonda)	129

Under the rules they are each entitled to the services of a naib-nazir at Rs. 10 per mensem, to be paid from the process fee funds as having decided not less than 120 cases in the year.

19. Although the Civil Courts are shown to have decided somewhat fewer cases than in 1878, yet the number of witnesses they examined was greater in the year under report, *viz.*, 28,259 to 26,789: *viz.*, 17,188 by the Courts under Act XXXII. of 1871 and 11,071 by the new Courts. Of the total number there were 27,362, or 97 per cent. (or one per cent. less than in 1878) discharged after one day. The District Judge of Lucknow considers his return to be reliable in this respect, while the reverse opinion is recorded by the Officiating District Judge of Fyzabad regarding his own statistics; the other Judges do not offer any opinion as to the periods of detention reported. There is no doubt that registration of

No XII A. Witnesses.

such statistics had not been accurate when, under the old system, officers were hard pressed with civil as well as other cases; but there can be no excuse for such a defect in future, and the subjoined extract from a circular issued by Mr. Capper on the 30th July, 1879, speaks for itself:—

"*The detention of witnesses.*—His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor and Chief Commissioner has again discredited the returns, and the attention of every officer is, therefore, again directed to No. 14 of the addenda to the Judicial Office Manual, and a strict compliance with the instructions therein given is hereby enjoined. No conjectural remarks will again be accepted in the annual reports as to whether the rules have been carried out. It must be put beyond all doubt that the returns are accurate. The Judicial Commissioner has himself noticed that in many cases postponements are granted day after day, but no order is passed as to the witnesses in attendance in such instances; the detentions may often be of long duration, and steps should be taken to ensure that they are correctly registered in future. It happens too often that the witnesses *are not* registered on the day they first attended, nor indeed at all till they are actually present before the Judge who records their deposition, and then they appear as present for one day only."

RETURN No. X.

Execution of decrees.

20. The old Civil Courts had 3,714 applications for execution undecided before them when the year opened, and they received 12,096 during the first seven months; out of this aggregate of 15,810 they disposed of 11,964, or at the rate of 1,709 a month. Details of the number pending in each district on the 1st August will be found in the 13th column of the provincial statement, Gonda, Sultanpur, and Bara Banki, returning rather heavier files than they had at the opening of the year; and in the last column are furnished the dates of the oldest pending cases in all districts, those of 1875, 1876, and 1877, comprising decrees which are being satisfied from the profits of landed estates attached in execution.

Work of new Courts.

21. From August to the close of the year the new Courts had 8,698 applications before them and decided 5,825 in four months (excluding the vacation month), closing the year with 861 applications less than it opened with. All the decrees of 1875 seem to have been liquidated, the date of the oldest pending case being 9th February, 1876. I subjoin a statement which shows the results of the disposal of applications by these Courts:—

District.	Applications disposed of out of total for disposal.		Completely executed.		Partially executed.		*Infructuous.*			
							From decree-holder's fault.	Other causes		
	No.	Percentage.	No.	Percentage.	No.	Percentage.	No.	Percentage.	Debtors imprisoned	Immovable property sales
Lucknow ...	715	69	226	32	91	13	76	34	5	54
Unao	616	78	285	46	80	12	15	24	3	1
Bara Banki	454	68	165	36	30	7	33	23	7	5
Sitapur	487	73	184	38	87	18	15	28	26	58
Hardoi	585	69	227	39	112	19	26	13	23	56
Kheri	264	69	133	50	43	16	10	20	26	8
Fyzabad	406	53	208	51	46	11	27	14	17	8
Gonda	411	58	177	43	58	14	27	16	7	9
Bahraich	367	82	195	53	60	17	20	11	16	5
Rae Bareli	474	70	252	53	117	25	9	13	7	12
Sultanpur	493	70	226	46	76	18	19	16	8	24
Partabgarh	476	66	155	33	99	21	16	27	41	11

The proportion of applications completely executed was very satisfactory in Bahraich, Gonda, Fyzabad, and Kheri. The Courts in the Lucknow division and in the Sitapur and Partabgarh districts return comparatively high percentages of applications as infructuous from other than the fault of decree-holders. These statistics require to be closely watched, as decrees are apt to become infructuous by laches of the Courts amongst other causes.

22. Imprisonments were comparatively numerous in Rai Bareli, Lucknow, and Fyzabad. There were in all 1,353 sales of immovable property as against 1,412 in the preceding year; very many of these are of house property in the city of Lucknow.

Coercive processes

23.* 1,705 appeals were filed before Deputy Commissioners in the first seven months, which added to the number pending (401) and 13 received by transfer gave 2,085 for disposal; of these 1,463 were decided, and on the 1st August 622 were transferred to the District Judges; Sultanpur (209) and Fyzabad (207) sending by far the heaviest files. Judging from the comparatively high average durations returned from these two districts as well as from Gonda, the Deputy Commissioners must have fixed distant dates for hearing appeals, as there were reports rife early in the year regarding the separation of the Civil Courts.

RETURN No IX.

Deputy Commissioners' appeals.

24. In the Commissioners' Courts there were 312 appeals for disposal, including 67 that were brought forward from 1878; and on the 1st August 75 undecided appeals were transferred to the District Judges.

Commissioners' appeals

25. There were altogether 1,724 appeals for disposal before those officers, and they are shown to have decided 1,065. As they worked for only four months during the past year, it is not practicable to make any useful comparison between the results in these and the former appellate courts. The high-average durations shown in the provincial return opposite Fyzabad and Rae Bareli are doubtless due to some old appeals received by transfer.

District Judges' appeals.

26. The work in the Judicial Commissioner's Court was somewhat heavier than in 1878; there were 271 (to 245 in the preceding year) appeals filed, and 72 of these were rejected for the following reasons: 8 as being cases of the nature cognizable by Small Cause Courts, in which no appeal lies; 44 under section 17, Act XXXII. of 1871, and section 20, Act XIII. of 1879, in which a further consideration of the case was not necessary for the ends of justice; and 20 under section 18 of Act XXXII. and section 21, Act XIII., appeal being barred by concurrent findings of the lower Courts.

Judicial Commissioner.

Of the 200 applications filed under section 28, Act XXXII. of 1871, and section 622 of the Civil Procedure Code, only 21 were admitted, the orders of the lower Courts being reversed or modified in 15 cases.

Details of references for rulings and other particulars as to appeals are furnished in the special return No. IX.

27. The new judicial separation scheme was in force only five months during the year under report, and at least another year must elapse before it will be possible to form a reliable opinion on the working and general results of the change.

One of the objects in view was to relieve the district staff of judicial work, and thus leave them at liberty to devote more time and attention to their executive duties. I think that there can be no question that this object has been attained, and further, that rent suits should now be more expeditiously* disposed of, and perhaps criminal cases also. On the other hand, I believe that the influence of a Deputy Commissioner, as well as to some extent his means of acquiring information with regard to what is going on in his district, are sensibly affected by his loss of civil powers

* It will be seen on reference to para. 37 of this report that the duration decreased in 1879.

Regarding the question from a purely judicial point of view, cases will no doubt be more punctually heard and more promptly decided, and in course of time an improvement in the quality of the work may reasonably be expected. At the same time, the Courts of first instance having been greatly reduced in number, are not so accessible to the people as formerly, and this remark applies with still greater force to appellate Courts

The little experience we have had of the new scheme has brought to light defects in details and distribution of the work which will have to be considered and remedied, but though I think it right to notice these defects, I am not yet in a position to suggest any reforms.

Small Cause Courts.

28. The falling off in the work of Small Cause Courts has been great, viz., from 6,125 suits in 1878 to 4,881 instituted in the past year. The greatest decrease was in the Lucknow City Court, under the heads "goods sold" and "breaches of contract." People were better off and had not so much difficulty in paying their debts; but Major Pitcher reports that the fear of being reported by their debtors to the license-tax officer as fit subjects for assessment had kept many small tradesmen and money-lenders out of Court. Major Horsford also advances this as one of the probable causes of decrease, and as another, that the old regiments having left Lucknow, the traders have not had time to advance their dealings to that stage when a suit becomes necessary. But the litigation in both Cantonments continues to be light and not to call for special notice.

RETURN No VI. Suits instituted.

29. From this table it appears that the bulk of litigation in the Small Cause Courts is very petty, being for sums under Rs. 20; thus, in the Lucknow City Court, 2,788 out of the 4,351 suits decided are returned as of such value; the average value (Rs. 36) of each suit for 1879 was somewhat higher than in the preceding year.

RETURN No. VII. Value of litigation

30. Costs decreased in the Lucknow City Court, but rose in that at Fyzabad; while there was no fluctuation worth noticing in the Lucknow Cantonment Court.

Costs.

RETURN No VIII. Trial of suits.

31. I subjoin a memo. of the proportion in which suits were decided with and without contest in each court:—

	Lucknow City.	*Lucknow Cantonment*	*Fyzabad.*
Contested ...	36	40·	41·
Uncontested ..	64·	60	59

Dismissals for default and decrees passed *ex parte* were proportionately higher in the Fyzabad Court, amounting to 12 per cent.; while in the Lucknow City Court they formed 5·3 per cent, and in the Lucknow Cantonment 3·03 of the decisions. Colonel Phaire presumes that in the suits dismissed for default the parties came to some compromise out of Court, as most of the 15 cases were for small sums.

Duration of cases

32. Compared with 1878, the results as to duration of suits are on the whole rather favorable· 16 days in contested and 13 in uncontested cases.

RETURN No. X Execution of decrees.

33. Both the Lucknow Courts have returned larger percentages (40 and 45) of decrees completely executed in 1879 as compared with the preceding year. In the Fyzabad Court, 15 out of 17 applications were wholly satisfied, or 88 per cent. There is nothing in the fluctuations in the various modes of execution adopted that demands special notice; they generally follow the decrease in cases.

So, also, with regard to witnesses, of whom 3,614 were examined, or 838 less than in 1878.

Rent Courts.

RETURN No. VI. suits instituted.

34. From the following figures it will be seen that landlords filed fewer suits, while tenants resorted more frequently to the Courts, than in the preceding year·—

	1878	1879.
By landlord	18,380	12,844
„ underproprietor or tenant	6,869	10,044
„ and against co-sharers, &c., &c.	1,567	1,401

The decrease was principally in suits for arrears of rent, and the increase in suits to contest notices of ejectment. The former was due to the improved condition of tenants, which enabled them better to meet the demands for rent; while the increase under the other head arises from the more frequent issue of notices of ejectment by landlords after a favorable season, not generally with the object of actually evicting the tenants, but rather of raising their rents. Suits for arrears of rent were most numerous (2,054) in the Fyzabad district, while in Sitapur only 234 were filed. Sitapur also returns the fewest suits (180) to contest ejectment, and Gonda the largest number (1,798).

Applications.

35. Recourse to distraint naturally fell off in a year like the past; 876 applications were filed as against 1,458 in the preceding year. The fluctuations under other heads do not call for comment.

Distribution of business.

36. In the distribution of business 10,947 suits were instituted before Tahsildars', 8,803 in Native Extra Assistant Commissioners', and 3,963 in European Assistants' courts; while the Deputy Commissioners of Gonda (235), Sultanpur (127), and Partabgarh (21) had 383 suits; the remaining 197 suits were instituted in Honorary Assistant Commissioners' Courts, principally in Fyzabad and Partabgarh. Now that Tahsildars have been relieved of Civil work, there is no reason why they should not take up a large share of suits for arrears of rent up to a limited value; this seems to have been the practice obtaining in 1873; for out of the 12,844 suits for arrears of rent, 7,838 came before them, to the great convenience of both landlords and tenants, who should not be required to resort to the Sadr in petty suits; and they should execute their own decrees, otherwise there must be much unnecessary delay, expense, and inconvenience to the parties. Many cases of objection to notices of ejectment must also be disposed of by Tahsildars, if the work is to be accomplished in reasonable time. No doubt Tahsildars used to be greatly overburdened with judicial work, to the detriment of their executive duties, but in some districts now there seems a tendency to go to the opposite extreme. At the same time it is expedient that a fair proportion of suits, particularly of those to contest notice of ejectment, should in future be heard by Assistant Commissioners, to give them more opportunities for acquiring information of the relations subsisting between landlords and tenants; and European officers with Deputy Collector's powers should have their full share of the more important cases, now that they have been relieved of Civil suits.

Return No VII.

Value of property under litigation.

37. The total value of property under litigation was Rs. 8,22,765, or Rs. 1,00,780 less than in the preceding year; Gonda and Fyzabad, returning the largest amounts of over a lakh, while in Kheri and Sitapur it was only Rs. 29,331 and Rs. 31,257. Partabgarh is the only district in which any suit for upwards of Rs. 5,000 was decided; there were comparatively few suits above Rs 100, however, the bulk of the litigation being below that value.

Cost of litigation.

38. Costs of litigation generally decreased in the four districts of Unao, Bara Banki, Fyzabad and Gonda; but it is in petty suits that costs require to be kept down, and it is much to be regretted that, in spite of strenuous efforts in this direction, they have increased since 1878 in the districts of Sitapur, Hardoi, Bahraich, Rae Bareli, and Partabgarh. I annex a memo. in the margin showing the percentage of cost to value for each district in suits not exceeding Rs 5 in value as well as in all classes of suits. The Deputy Commissioner, Hardoi, who returns the highest percentage of costs to value in suits below Rs. 5, offers the following explanation :—

	Not exceeding Rs 5.	On all suits
Lucknow ...	29	17
Unao ...	22	12
Bara Banki	24	10
Sitapur ...	32	12
Hardoi ...	36	16
Kheri ...	28	13
Fyzabad ...	20	11
Gonda ...	23	10
Bahraich,	31	11
Rae Bareli,	33	13
Sultanpur,	32	11
Partabgarh,	35	14

"There is an unsatisfactory increase in the percentage of costs in suits under Rs. 5. It is difficult to account for this. I would, however, remark—

"1*st*.—That the average value of suits under Rs. 5 is only in 1879 Rs. 3. The unavoidable costs are :—

	A	p.	
Stamp	6	0	
Copy of plaint	2	0	average.
Service of process	4	0	for each defendant.
Printed form of plaint	0	3	
	12	3	if there is only one defendant.

"Where, therefore, the average value was only Rs. 3, the costs could not have been less than 25 per cent. In some cases there are several defendants, and each defendant adds 4 annas to the cost.

"2*nd*.—A good number of suits to contest ejectment would come under this head, and these suits are generally bitterly contested.

"3*rd*.—In nearly every contested suit it is necessary to summon the patwári ; this adds 8 annas, *i. e.*, 4 annas process and 4 annas allowance to patwári. The cost, therefore, of a contested suit, value Rs. 3, would be Re. 1-4-3 with only one defendant.

"The difference in percentage of different years is probably mainly in accordance with the proportion borne by contested to uncontested suits."

But after making every allowance for what the Deputy Commissioner has urged, I cannot reconcile the great disparity between Hardoi (36) and Partabgarh (35) on the one hand, and Unao (22) and Gonda (23) on the other, and inquiry is being made with respect to the details of costs, in view to the further consideration of this important question.

Pleaders' fees awarded in suits not exceeding Rs 100 in value.

39. Pleaders' fees were awarded in 766 suits not exceeding Rs. 100 in value, out of a total of 23,305 decided; and the value of the smallest suit in which they were decreed as costs was Re. 1-8-0. The following are the district details :—

District.	Number of suits under Rs. 100 decided	Number in which pleaders' fees were given	Value of smallest suit. Rs. a p.
Lucknow	1,194	115	2 6 0
Unao	3,027	79	1 8 0
Bara Banki	1,606	86	1 8 0
Sitapur	469	13	10 0 0
Hardoi	2,421	41	2 0 0
Kheri	668	13	3 0 0
Fyzabad	3,202	50	1 8 0
Gonda	3,058	17	1 8 0
Bahraich	902	None	...
Rae Bareli	1,552	186	4 11 0
Sultanpur	3,199	78	3 8 0
Partabgarh	1,983	88	2 6 0

These figures sufficiently indicate in which districts more careful scrutiny of the award of costs in petty suits requires to be exercised.

Return No VII., Imperial

Results of trials.

40. 24,826 suits were decided, or 2,345 less than in 1878. The actuals of each district will be found in column 17 of the provincial return; Fyzabad, Gonda, Unao, and Sultanpur, returning over 3,000 cases each, while less than a thousand were decided in each of the three districts of Sitapur, Kheri, and Bahraich.

Pending cases

41 Pending files were heaviest in Fyzabad, Gonda, and Sultanpur, but the total number (1,148) of undecided cases at the close of 1879 in the whole province was 287 less than in the preceding year. The oldest pending case was instituted on the 7th February, 1879, in the Gonda district, from which also the largest number of cases pending over four months has been returned. In Fyzabad there were 403 suits pending at the close as against 148 at the beginning of the year.

Duration of cases

42. On the whole, business seems to have been performed expeditiously, as the average duration of uncontested cases has fallen from 41 to 25 days, and of contested from 38 to 33 days, in the past two years; but reference to columns 21 to 24 of the provincial return shows that Gonda contrasts very unfavorably with other districts in this matter. In Sultanpur, also, there is evidently room for improvement; and I concur in the animadversions of the Commissioners on the delays in these two districts. Better distribution of business, as suggested in my remarks on return No. VI., is the obvious remedy.

Incidence of trials.

43. Rent suits were hotly contested, 51 per cent. having been decided on full trial as against 48 per cent. in 1878; in Unao 60 per cent., in Gonda 58 per cent., and in Fyzabad 57 per cent., were contested, while on the other hand Partabgarh returns 42 and Rae Bareli only 31 per cent. The subjoined figures show how suits were disposed of in the whole province during the past two years:—

	1878.	1879
Total decided	27,171	24,826
Dismissed for default	2,820	3,107
Withdrawn and compromised	1,946	1 899
Decreed on confession	3,455	2,517
Dismissed *ex parte*	701	849
Decreed *ex parte*	5,111	3,760
Contested and decreed { For plaintiff	9,344	8,460
{ For defendant	3,700	4,387

Plaints rejected and suits transferred do not call for special notice, as they were not numerous. Dismissals for default increased during the year, owing in some measure to suitors being unable to attend punctually during the epidemic of fever. Gonda returns the largest proportion, 20 per cent. to the total number of suits decided but the Deputy Commissioner explains that as applications for re-hearing decreased, there is no reason to think that the Courts were too hasty in passing such orders Suits withdrawn and compromised were comparatively most numerous (15 per cent.) in Bahraich, while in the adjoining district of Gonda they amounted to only 3 per cent. Decrees on confession fell off during the year, but large proportions are returned from Lucknow (23 per cent.) and Rae Bareli (21 per cent.). *Ex parte* decrees amounted, as in 1878, to 24 per cent. in Partabgarh, which seems abnormally high, the provincial proportion being 13 per cent. to 19 per cent. in 1878

No. XII A Witnesses

44. This return shows that 12,800 witnesses, or 749 less than in 1878, were examined by the Courts; and the figures of both years for each district have been entered for facility of comparison Unao, Sitapur, Hardoi, Sultanpur, and Partabgarh return larger numbers, however, for 1879, and the increase in Sultanpur is striking, it being attributed to the increase of litigation. Deputy Commissioners have, in the 12th paragraph of their reports, offered their opinions on the value of the statistics as to detention, and Commissioners have freely commented on them. It may be gathered therefrom that in some districts, *e. g*, Rae Bareli and Bahraich, proper steps have been taken to test the accuracy of registration by periodically checking the registers with the records of cases, while in others, like Hardoi and Partabgarh, the simple and clear instructions given in the addendum No. 14 to the Judicial Manual were not properly understood The former has been written to from this office, and the late Officiating Commissioner, Rae Bareli, has corrected the misconception of the Deputy Commissioner of Partabgarh. But better

results may be looked for in this year's returns, as my predecessor's orders, already adverted to in the Civil section, have awakened more interest in this subject, as the Commissioner testifies in the Gonda report.

RETURN No X.

Execution of decrees

45. There were 12,087 applications filed, as against 12,565 in 1878, Fyzabad and Gonda returning almost a moiety (5,358), while, on the other hand, in Sitapur, Kheri, and Bahraich, there were only 657 filed. Compared with the preceeding year, however, the district numbers do not present any striking fluctuations.

In the distribution of work, 3,613 applications came before Tahsildars to 4,783 in 1878. These officers seem to have had a fair share of execution work in every district but Fyzabad and Gonda, in which the execution of decrees was entrusted to one officer at the head-quarters. But I agree with the Commissioner that the arrangement is not so satisfactory as that of allowing each Tahsildar to execute his own decrees, whereby the parties in cases would be saved much time and expense; and now that Tahsildars have been relieved of Civil functions, it cannot be said that they are overburdened with judicial duties In making these remarks I am not unmindful of the fact that in para. 12 of the review of the Judicial Commissioner's report for 1875, the Chief Commissioner approved of the system of establishing special execution Courts at the head-quarters of districts when their judicial duties prevented Tahsildars from devoting sufficient attention to executive work. Circumstances have, however, since altered, and the execution work in Fyzabad and Gonda particularly is so heavy as to render it impracticable for one officer to cope with it. Mr. Gibbon and Pandit Hari Kishan at Fyzabad and Munshi Kizir Muhammad at Gonda are at the same time deserving of due credit for the good work performed by them in this department during the past year.

Decrees completely executed.

46. A larger proportion of decrees was completely executed in every district, except Kheri and Partabgarh, as compared with 1878, the season being a favourable one for execution. The percentage completely satisfied in each district is given in the margin, Hardoi returning the best and Partabgarh the worst results.

Lucknow ...	48	Fyzabad ...	42
Unao ..	58	Gonda ...	44
Bara Banki ..	45	Bahraich ...	58
Sitapur .	46	Rae Bareli ..	50
Hardoi •	62	Sultanpur ...	48
Kheri ...	58	Partabgarh ...	37

Coercive processes.

47. Coercive processes against movable property and imprisonments did not fluctuate much, but there were 1,013 sales of immovable property as against 841 in 1878. Fyzabad returns no less than 443 such sales, which were also comparatively numerous in Sultanpur and Gonda. I would draw especial attention to Mr. Woodburn's letter annexed to the Fyzabad report, showing the action taken against the under-proprietors of that district during the last two years, for the realization of rent decrees.

RETURN No. IX

Appeals to Deputy Commissioners

48 There were 1,362 appeals filed before Deputy Commissioners, or 57 less than in the preceding year. Of the total for disposal 117 were pending at the close of the year as against 179 at its opening; the average duration, however, was slightly higher than in 1878, and in this respect Fyzabad and Sultanpur compare very unfavorably with other districts, as will be seen from columns 21 and 23 of the provincial returns.

Commissioners' Courts.

A large increase occurred in appeals to Commissioners owing to the number of suits to contest notices of ejectment: there were 1,112 appeals filed to 667 in 1878 Although the work of Commissioners in this Department was heavier they were enabled by the separation of the Civil Courts to dispose of all but 31 appeals by the close of the year.

Judicial Commissioners' Court.

206 appeals were filed in the Judicial Commissioner's Court, or 19 more than in 1878. The return speaks for itself

Miscellaneous.

Process fee fund.

49. Provincial return No. XIV. shows that the income from process fees amounted to Rs. 1,10,650, or Rs. 2,207 less than in 1878; and that after disbursing the pay of supervising and serving establishments as well as contingencies, and also deducting 12 per cent. on account of pensions, a surplus of Rs 25,876 remained to the credit of Government. The permanent staff of servers maintained during the year was 723, or 25 in excess of the staff in 1878. As I shall soon submit a special report on some details connected with this fund, I refrain from further notice of the subject here.

Sale Commission Fund.

50. The Sale Commission Fund was regulated by two different systems during the past year For the first seven months Circular No. VI. of 1877 was in force and salaried amins were employed; but this system was only tentative, and with the sanction of Government it was terminated, leaving a surplus of Rs. 1,866-9-11 at the credit of the fund on the 31st July

From the 1st August Book Circular XXIV. of 1872 was revived, thereby dispensing with the services of salaried amins and allowing the Courts to appoint commissioners specially in each case; the fiscal result is a surplus of Rs. 4,255 in both Civil and Rent Courts at the close of the year, of which one-fourth is payable to the Nazarat establishment and the balance is credited to Government.

Records.

51. The elimination of useless papers from the records of Civil cases was unavoidably interrupted by the introduction of the Judicial scheme; but a proposition is before Government for giving a permanent staff of weeders and arrangers to each District Judge and to the eight Sub-Judges who do not hold Court at divisional head-quarters; and when this arrangement comes into operation, the work of elimination will steadily progress.

With the exception of Lucknow and Rae Bareli, the Deputy Commissioners report (para 16) more or less progress in the clearance of Rent Court files; but the work that is going on seems to be of a desultory kind, and it may be advisable to appoint weeders in this department also.

Inspections.

52. The Judicial offices at Lucknow, Bara Banki, Sitapur, Fyzabad, and Partabgarh, were inspected and reported on by one of the Assistant Commissioners or Extra Assistant Commissioners during the first and second half of the year; in all the others but Unao one inspection was made in the first half: no inspection was reported from Unao. The circular directing such half-yearly inspections was cancelled in October last, and the presiding officer of each Court was required to inspect and sign his own registers once a week.

Commissioners, during the cold-weather tour of 1879-80, continued to inspect and report on judicial offices in their own divisions; but District Judges had not had time during the last five months of the year to make any inspections. Although Deputy Commissioners are not required to submit any priodical reports to the Judicial Commissioner, they have not been relieved, so far as regards rent suits, of the important duty of inspecting and reporting to Commissioners on tahsili and sadr offices in their districts.

I have the honor to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient servant,

J. REID,

Offg. Judicial Commissioner, Oudh.

IMPERIAL No. VI.

Statement showing the number and description of Civil and Rent Suits instituted in the Civil and Rent Courts of the Province of Oudh in the year 1879.

Class of tribunals	Suits for money, distinguishing suits up to Rs 500 cognizable by Small Cause Courts from other cases.																	
	1		2		3		4		5		6		7		8		9	
	On written obligations.		*On unwritten obligations*		*On account stated.*		*Money paid and received*		*Goods sold.*		*Branch of contract not mentioned above.*		*Rent not falling under the rent law*		*Movable property or value thereof*		*Damages.*	
	Rs. 500 and under	Above Rs. 500	Rs. 500 and under.	Above Rs 500.	Rs. 500 and under	Above Rs. 500	Rs 500 and under.	Above Rs 500	Rs 500 and under.	Above Rs 500.	Rs 500 and under	Above Rs 500	Rs 500 and under	Above Rs 500.	Rs 500 and under	Above Rs. 500	Rs 500 and under	Above Rs 500.
Small Cause Courts	1,104	...	524	...	805	.	29	..	1,311	...	519	...	345	..	166	...	74	...
Honorary Assistant Commissioners' Courts ...	820	45	457	3	228	8	28	...	251	...	228	...	21	...	311	...	89	...
Tahsildars and Munsifs Courts	2,919	...	1,452	...	770	...	261	...	538	...	465	...	106	...	1,548	...	366	...
Assistants, Extra Assistants, and Sub-Judge's Courts, Europeans ...	828	65	213	3	92	1	44	...	52	...	64	3	7	1	201	1	90	4
Assistants, Extra Assistants, and Sub-Judge's Courts, Natives ...	5,238	217	1,636	12	1,162	15	462	13	580	10	611	15	158	10	1,850	120	975	10
Deputy Commissioners and District Judges' Courts ...	106	48	5	...	1	12	3	7	...	2	19	6	2	...	9	5	6	...
Grand Total ...	11,015	373	4 277	18	3,058	36	827	20	2,732	12	1,906	24	687	11	4,085	126	1,504	14

IMPERIAL No. VI.

Statement showing the number and description of Civil and Rent Suits instituted in the Civil and Rent Courts of the Province of Oudh in the year 1879—(concluded).

Class of tribunals.	Suits under the Rent Law.								Other Civil Suits.												
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	Arrears of rent with or without ejectment or cancellment of lease.	Enhancement or abatement of rent.	Relating to distraint.	Damages for extortion or withholding receipts or on account of illegal distraint or other cause.	For pattas or kabuliats.	For ejectment or recovery of possession.	For recovery of money or accounts from agents.	All other suits under the rent law not included above.	For immovable property.	For specific performance of contract.	To declare and establish rights for real property, including pre-emption, foreclosure, &c.	To declare and establish personal rights.	For an account.	Relating to religious endowments.	To set aside judgments, contracts, or obligations on the ground of fraud.	For dissolution of marriage	For enforcement of matrimonial rights.	For partition.	Relating to shipping.	Relating to religion and caste.	Miscellaneous.
Small Cause Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Honorary Assistant Commissioners' Courts ...	196	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	43	15	1	1	...	...	...	...	13	1	...	7	...
Tahsildars and Munsifs' Courts	7,838	18	55	60	12	262	5	2,697	896	50	76	55	11	1	28	...	17	6	...	5	...
Assistants, Extra Assistants, and Sub-Judges' Courts — Europeans,	1,860	4	205	45	1	131	6	1,711	390	10	63	17	2	...	11	1	16	5	...	2	...
Assistants, Extra Assistants, and Sub-Judges' Courts — Natives,	2,946	21	313	144	11	291	22	5,055	2,349	111	505	122	39	10	94	4	68	31	...	4	...
Deputy Commissioners and District Judges' Courts.	4	...	...	...	...	...	1	378	81	5	38	18	5	...	4	...	15	2	...	...	...
Grand Total ...	12,844	43	573	249	24	684	34	9,842	3,759	191	683	213	57	11	132	5	123	45	...	18	...

IMPERIAL RETURN No. VII.

Statement showing the value of Suits disposed of in the Civil and Rent Courts in Oudh during the year 1879.

Value of suits		Class	Number of suits disposed of			Total value of suits.	These four columns are not required by Government for the Imperial Return No. VII.			
			Small Cause Courts.	Tahsildars, Munsifs, and Honorary Assistant Commissioners' Courts	District Courts, viz., Assistants, Extra Assistants, Sub-Judges, Deputy Commissioners, and District Judges' Courts.		Total cost of suits.	Percentage of cost to value.	Average value of each suit.	Average cost of each suit.
						Rs.	Rs.		Rs.	Rs.
CIVIL.										
	Rs.									
Not exceeding	5	I	1,183	2,558	1,470	19,704	5,477	28	4	1
Ditto	20	II.	1,979	5,972	5,380	1,65,186	27,895	17	13	2
Ditto	100	III	1,355	4,002	3,012	3,88,095	81,990	14	44	6
Ditto	500	IV	383	951	2,481	7,82,065	99,583	12	205	26
Ditto	1,000	V		1	543	3,56,838	45,282	13	656	83
Ditto	5,000	VI	...	...	410	8,12,313	89,484	11	1,981	218
Ditto	10,000	VII.	...	...	51	3,42,268	38,235	9	6,711	651
Ditto	1,00,000	VIII.	...	...	26	5,47,791	41,132	7	21 069	182
Exceeding	1,00,000	IX	...	...	2	3,79,755	7,505	2	1,89,877	3,752
Total	...	...	4,900	13,485	13,375	39,94,015	4,31,583	11	109	13
RENT.										
	Rs.									
Not exceeding	5	I.	. .	2,310	3,212	17,322	4,998	29	3	1
Ditto	20	II.	...	4,730	5,596	1,20,270	19,046	16	11	2
Ditto	100	III	...	2,169	5,288	3,22,426	37,525	11	43	5
Ditto	500	IV.	...	71	1,056	2,16,213	24,878	11	192	22
Ditto	1,000	V.	...	5	103	72,877	7,021	9	675	65
Ditto	5,000	VI.	...	1	38	58,657	5,537	9	1,504	142
Ditto	10,000	VII.	...	...	...	...	...		...	...
Ditto	1,00,000	VIII.	...	...	1	15,000	1,835	12	15,000	1,835
Exceeding	1,00,000	IX	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	...	...	...	9,286	15,294	8,22,765	1,09,855	13	34	4

IMPERIAL No. VII.

Statement showing the general results of the trial of Civil and Rent Suits in the Courts of Original Jurisdiction in the Districts of the Province of Oudh during the year 1879.

Class of Courts.	Suits remaining from last year.	Instituted.	Received by transfer.	Total for disposal.	Transferred to other courts.	Plaint rejected or returned.	Dismissed for default under section 110.	Withdrawn with leave under section 97.	Compromised, section 98.	Decreed on confession, section 146.	Decreed *ex parte*.	Dismissed *ex parte*.	Contested, Judgment for plaintiff in whole or in part.	Contested, Judgment for defendant.	Total disposed of.	Pending.	Over two months.	Over four months.	Average duration in days. Contested.	Average duration in days. Uncontested.	Referred to arbitration.	Remarks.
CIVIL.																						
Small Cause Courts	116	4,987	1	5,054	...	51	240	29	304	1,453	1,064	14	1,215	601	4,951	103	1	...	16·74	13·65	6	
Honorary Assistant Commissioners,	186	2,573	104	2,863	6	2	479	110	341	744	227	31	506	186	2,625	135	5	1	25·47	21·42	18	
Tahsildars and Munsifs ...	335	9,631	3,545	13,511	7	66	2,181	468	946	1,561	976	272	2,946	1,512	10,956	2,440	516	628	34·90	29·34	130	
Assistants, Extra Assistants, and Sub-Judges. { Europeans,	827	2,128	...	2,955	...	16	505	54	130	283	231	55	575	344	2,193	1,534	441	459	64·33	46·27	9	
{ Natives,	3,717	16,346	2,089	22,145	1	58	3,017	652	862	1,970	1,618	398	4,789	2,510	15,875				57·51	41·21	210	
Deputy Commissioners and District Judges.	105	399	37	541	3	5	17	4	23	51	47	5	151	104	410	35	4	17	143·42	32 34	8	
Total ...	5,286	36,014	5,769	47,069	19	198	6,450	1,317	2,606	6,042	4,163	775	1 6 2	5,257	36,989	a 4,247	967	1,105	54 70	38·91	378	a The balance of 5,763 was transferred from old to new courts.
RENT.																						
Honorary Assistant Commissioners,	28	197	...	225	2	...	20	8	7	23	33	4	21	8	126	99	...	...	19·8	24·14	...	
Tahsildars	491	10,970	8	11,464	...	23	1,100	493	728	1,705	1,582	282	5,527	1,447	10,887	577	28	3	27·93	22·06	36	
Assistant and Extra Assistants. { Europeans,	366	3,992	...	4,358	...	29	674	90	156	263	601	171	1,270	812	4,066	292	61	95	39·35	37·42	4	
{ Natives...	848	8,993	...	9,841	2	190	1,233	224	186	524	1,133	389	3,525	1,956	9,362	479	108	94	35·95	32·98	41	
Deputy Commissioners ...	2	384	...	386	...	1	80	1	6	2	11	3	117	164	385	1	...	...	30·92	17·23	...	
Total ...	1,735	24,536	3	26,274	4	243	3,107	816	1,083	2,517	3,360	849	8,460	4,387	24,826	1,448	197	192	33·40	28·82	81	

IMPERIAL No IX.

Statement showing the Business of the Civil and Rent Appellate Courts of the Province of Oudh during the year 1879.

Class of Courts.	Cases on the file.				Struck off without trial.			Tried ex parte				Decided on trial.				Remanded for re-trial.	Total disposed of.	Referred for further investigation.	Cases pending at the end of the year.	Average duration of each contested case.	Average duration of each uncontested case	Remarks.
	Remaining from last year.	Instituted.	Received by transfer.	Total.	Rejected.	Transferred.	Dismissed.	In favor of appellant. In whole.	In favor of appellant. In part.	In favor of respondent.	Total.	In favor of appellant. In whole.	In favor of appellant. In part.	In favor of respondent.	Total.							
Civil.																						
Deputy Commissioners and District Judges.	401	2,703	771	3,875	66	18	211	23	9	49	81	397	158	1,465	2,020	198	2,594	223	(a)1,281	79 81	66·95	(a) 622 of these were transferred from the old to the new Civil Courts.
Commissioners ...	67	240	8	315	3	2	7	1	...	1	2	56	28	126	210	16	240	15	75	58·48	41·18	
Judicial Commissioner ...	30	271	...	(b)301	72	1	1	3	1	5	9	88	5	99	192	6	281	17	17	65·	67·	(b) Out of this number 2 were withdrawn and 1 stayed
Total ...	498	3,214	779	4,491	141	21	219	27	10	55	92	541	191	1,690	2,422	220	3,115	255	1,373	67·76	58·38	
Rent.																						
Deputy Commissioners ...	179	1,362	9	1,548	21	21	87	8	7	11	26	224	154	785	1,163	113	1,431	111	117	41·21	43 34	
Commissioners ...	41	1,112	11	1,064	7	18	30	4	2	5	16	174	46	667	887	80	1,033	50	31	49 79	43·95	
Judicial Commissioner ...	22	206	...	228	102	...	1	3	...	...	3	49	6	80	85	...	191	8	37	61·5	60·	
Total ...	242	2,680	18	2,840	130	39	118	15	9	16	45	447	206	1,482	2,135	193	2,655	169	185	50·83	49·09	

IMPERIAL No. X.

Statement showing the Execution of Decrees of Civil and Rent Courts in the Province of Oudh during the year 1879.

Class of Courts.	Applications to execute decrees.				Decrees completely executed.	Partially.	Pending at the end of the year.	Nature and number of coercive processes issued.					The figures of the undermentioned columns plus columns 6, 7, 8, will tally with column 5 of this statement.		
	Pending.	Filed.	Received by transfer.	Total.				Imprisonment of person.	Movable property. Attached.	Movable property. Sold.	Immovable property. Attached.	Immovable property. Sold.	Orders under section 243, Civil Procedure Code, and section 135, Rent Act.	Applications in which there was no execution. From fault of decree-holder.	Applications in which there was no execution. From other causes.	Transferred to other Courts.
Civil.																
Small Cause Courts	29	4,063	8	4,100	1,667	1,247	40	540	2,084	187	3	2	...	726	166	255
Honorary Assistant Commissioners	168	832	106	1,106	357	169	270	34	445	158	32	27	...	161	181	34
Tahsildars and Munsifs	206	3,689	2,250	6,145	2,065	634	1,290	216	2,714	712	577	336	13	902	922	65
Assistants, Extra Assistants, and Sub-Judges. { Europeans, Natives ...	228	1,251	274	1,753	472	182	1,277	98	741	219	114	61	2	242	308	25
	2,750	10,352	1,181	14,283	4,443	1,622		736	5,545	1,727	1,217	543	3	1,723	2,228	177
Deputy Commissioners and District Judges ...	363	673	186	1,221	236	201	36	175	332	43	319	384	...	91	299	50
Total ...	3,743	20,860	4,005	28,608	9,240	4,055	2,913	1,799	11,758	3,046	2,262	1,353	18	3,844	4,104	606
Rent.																
Honorary Assistant Commissioners ...	24	43	...	67	17	13	6	...	15	1	5	...	...	16	13	...
Tahsildars	505	3,613	1	4,119	2,136	450	295	199	2,807	719	487	190	12	449	754	39
Assistants and Extra Assistant Commissioners. { Europeans, Natives ...	446	3,211	...	3,657	1,206	483	917	428	1,437	488	786	369	255	376	720	6
	1,891	5,213	...	7,104	2,534	1,123	1,192	900	3,608	1,356	948	451	29	512	1,718	30
Deputy Commissioners	6	7	...	13	5	...	1	4	3	...	8	3	...	...	7	...
Total ...	2,872	12,087	1	14,960	5,898	2,019	2,414	1,531	7,870	2,559	2,234	1,013	297	1,354	3,207	68

Appendix to Civil Administration Report for 1879.

PROVINCIAL No. VI.

Showing the number and description of Civil and Rent Suits instituted in the Civil Courts of the Province of Oudh during the year 1879.

Districts.	SUITS FOR MONEY, DISTINGUISHING SUITS UP TO Rs. 500 COGNIZABLE BY SMALL CAUSE COURTS FROM OTHER CASES.									
	On written obligations.				*On unwritten obligations.*		*On account stated.*		*Money paid and received.*	
	Registered.		*Unregistered.*							
	Rs. 500 and under.	Above Rs. 500.	Rs. 500 and under.	Above Rs. 500.	Rs. 500 and under.	Above Rs. 500.	Rs. 500 and under.	Above Rs. 500.	Rs. 500 and under.	Above Rs. 500.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Statistics of the Civil Courts under Act XXXII. of 1871.										
Lucknow Civil Court ...	79	18	23	12	2	...	1	11	2	5
Ditto Deputy Commissioner ...	90	3	218	1	37	1	160	1	11	2
Ditto City Small Cause Court...	164	...	859	...	442	...	732	...	27	...
Ditto Cantonment ditto ...	3	...	65	...	55	...	66	...	2	...
Total ...	336	19	1,165	13	536	1	959	12	42	7
Unao Deputy Commissioner ...	98	14	562	1	238	2	290	...	83	...
Bara Banki ditto	171	29	195	4	135	...	95	6	68	...
Sitapur ditto	139	10	440	3	345	3	81	2	38	...
Ditto Cantonment Small Cause Court.	...	...	3	...	4	...	2	...	...	...
Total ...	139	10	443	3	349	3	83	2	38	...
Hardoi Deputy Commissioner ...	206	6	415	1	343	1	115	1	69	...
Kheri ditto	77	16	220	1	257	...	56	...	24	...
Fyzabad ditto	87	14	206	...	173	2	195	1	73	2
Ditto Small Cause Court ...	...	...	10	...	23	...	5	...	...	...
Total ...	87	14	278	...	196	2	200	1	73	2
Gonda Deputy Commissioner ...	116	4	356	...	241	...	51	...	45	...
Bahraich ditto	31	7	416	2	264	1	5	...	13	1
Rae Bareli ditto	96	10	617	2	216	3	128	7	25	2
Sultanpur ditto	116	8	339	1	87	1	245	...	62	...
Partabgarh ditto	61	25	373	5	149	...	133	1	32	...
Provincial total ...	1,534	162	5,868	33	3,011	14	2,360	30	574	19
Statistics of the Civil Courts under Act XIII. of 1879.										
Lucknow District Judge ...	192	32	426	11	220	1	215	2	50	6
Sitapur ditto ...	174	29	631	6	400	2	152	...	51	1
Fyzabad ditto ...	162	29	1,021	50	478	1	152	4	119	...
Rae Bareli ditto ...	172	16	833	5	148	...	179	...	33	1
Provincial total ...	700	106	2,913	72	1,266	4	698	6	253	8
GRAND TOTAL ...	2,234	268	8,781	105	4,277	18	3,058	36	827	20

PROVINCIAL

Showing the number and description of Civil and Rent Suits instituted in

Districts.	SUITS FOR MONEY, DISTINGUISHING SUITS UP TO Rs. 500 COGNIZABLE BY SMALL CAUSE COURTS FROM OTHER CASES.									
	Goods sold.		*Breach of contract not mentioned above.*		*Rent not falling under the rent law.*		*Movable property or value thereof.*		*Damages.*	
	Rs 500 and under	Above Rs. 500.	Rs. 500 and under.	Above Rs. 500.	Rs. 500 and under.	Above Rs. 500.	Rs. 500 and under.	Above Rs. 500.	Rs. 500 and under.	Above Rs 500.
1	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Statistics of the Civil Courts under Act XXXII. of 1871.										
Lucknow Civil Court	...	2	19	4	...	...	9	2	5	...
Ditto Deputy Commissioner ...	65	...	56	...	22	7	124	1	60	2
Ditto City Small Cause Court...	1,126	...	450	...	305	...	157	...	75	...
Ditto Cantonment ditto ...	136	...	41	...	24	...	4	...	...	...
Total ...	1,327	2	566	4	351	7	294	3	140	2
Unao Deputy Commissioner ...	42	...	86	...	10	...	309	...	189	...
Bara Banki ditto	45	3	46	1	22	...	190	1	86	1
Sitapur ditto	98	...	84	3	20	2	239	4	45	...
Ditto Cantonment Small Cause Court.	4	...	...	...	11	...	2	...	2	...
Total ...	102	...	84	3	31	2	241	4	47	...
Hardoi Deputy Commissioner ...	78	1	65	...	25	...	269	...	101	1
Kheri ditto	85	...	60	...	23	...	245	1	45	...
Fyzabad ditto	94	1	123	3	44	...	377	1	117	2
Ditto Small Cause Court ...	45	...	28	...	5	...	3	...	1	...
Total ...	139	1	151	3	49	...	380	1	118	2
Gonda Deputy Commissioner ...	74	...	74	...	8	...	171	...	39	1
Bahraich ditto ...	216	...	141	1	10	...	49	1	122	1
Rae Bareli ditto ...	58	...	67	1	8	...	257	1	59	...
Sultanpur ditto ...	12	...	79	...	1	...	229	...	120	1
Partabgarh ditto ...	26	...	19	...	7	...	176	1	51	...
Provincial total ...	2,304	7	1,438	13	545	9	2,810	13	1,117	9
Statistics of the Civil Courts under Act XIII. of 1879.										
Lucknow District Judge ...	78	3	117	9	14	2	307	7	103	4
Sitapur ditto ...	82	...	85	1	28	...	439	2	85	...
Fyzabad ditto ...	353	1	219	...	42	...	307	...	142	1
Rae Bareli ditto ...	15	1	47	1	8	...	222	4	57	...
Provincial total ...	528	5	468	11	92	2	1,275	13	387	5
GRAND TOTAL ...	2,732	12	1,906	24	637	11	4,085	26	1,504	14

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the Civil Courts of the Province of Oudh during the year 1879—(continued).

Suits for immovable property.	Suits for specific performance of contract.	Suits to declare and establish personal rights to real property, including pre-emption	Suits to declare and establish personal right	Suits for an account.	Suits relating to religious endowments.	Suits to set aside judgment, contract, or obligation on the ground of fraud.	Suits for dissolution of marriage	Suits for enforcement of matrimonial rights.	Suits for partition.	Suits relating to shipping.	Suits relating to religion and caste.	Total.
	Other suits.											
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34
61	2	21	12	4	...	3	...	15	...	...	...	610
139	15	27	1	9	...	6	...	3	5	...	...	1,070
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4,687
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	396
200	17	48	13	13	...	11	...	18	5	...	2	6,118
388	8	29	8	1	2	7	...	2	...	...	...	2,849
149	22	12	16	7	...	8	...	9	1	...	...	1,322
92	5	12	3	2	...	2	...	1	8	...	...	1,681
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	28
92	5	12	3	2	...	2	...	1	8	...	...	1,709
249	11	11	10	10	1	7	2	12	1	...	...	2 011
37	18	2	2	1	...	2	...	11	4	...	6	1,202
376	15	204	51	...	...	23	...	11	...	...	...	2,257
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	120
376	15	204	51	...	...	23	...	11	...	...	...	2,377
151	3	35	12	...	3	12	...	4	...	...	2	1,382
45	3	4	...	3	...	...	...	17	5	...	...	1,358
248	9	40	7	1	...	8	...	9	...	...	..	1,874
489	17	82	12	3	1	9	2	2	..	...	..	1,928
149	6	66	6	...	...	7	...	3	1	...	...	1,764
2,553	134	517	140	41	7	91	4	99	25	...	10	25 384
294	24	42	17	3	2	5	1	8	...	...	...	2,197
201	25	19	11	5	...	5	...	4	2	...	7	2,447
332	7	63	29	3	2	18	...	11	14	...	1	3,561
379	1	42	16	5	...	13	...	1	4	...	...	2,223
1,206	57	166	73	16	4	41	1	24	20	..	8	10,428
3,759	191	683	213	57	11	132	5	123	45	...	18	35,812

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Showing the number and description of Civil and Rent Suits instituted in

Districts.	Miscellaneous civil applications.										
	Claims preferred, under sections 328, 332, 246, and 280, Act X. of 1877.	Applications to sue as pauper.	Application to administer estate of deceased and incapable persons.	Cases instituted under section 523, Act X. of 1877.	Cases instituted under section 525, Act X. of 1877.	Application to issue notice to foreclose.	Application to redeem mortgage.	Applications for resumption of muáfi.	Other applications.	Total.
1	35	36	37	38	39	40		41		42
Statistics of the Civil Courts under Act XXXII. of 1871.										
Lucknow Civil Court ...	115	23	59	...	...	...	...	...	229	426
Ditto Deputy Commissioner...	109	3	7	...	...	1	5	5	6	136
Ditto City Small Cause Court,	142	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	276	421
Ditto Cantonment ditto ...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	14
Total ...	370	29	66	...	...	1	5	5	521	997
Unao Deputy Commissioner ...	496	7	46	1	...	253	...	...	121	624
Bara Banki ditto	11	13	26	...	...	11	...	34	8	103
Sitapur ditto	36	13	...	...	...	11	...	...	61	121
Ditto Cantonment Small Cause Court.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	36	13	...	...	...	11	...	...	61	121
Hardoi Deputy Commissioner ...	21	5	13	...	...	144	19	...	110	312
Kheri ditto ...	5	2	...	...	...	5	19	27	15	73
Fyzabad ditto ...	31	23	4	2	...	43	7	4	180	294
Ditto Small Cause Court ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	31	23	4	2	...	43	7	4	180	294
Gonda Deputy Commissioner ...	22	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	4	27
Bahraich ditto ...	66	1	4	...	...	1	1	...	10	83
Rae Bareli ditto ...	2	12	12	...	...	56	...	25	112	219
Sultanpur ditto ...	10	15	39	...	2	3	3	12	199	283
Partabgarh ditto ...	54	9	3	...	...	3	...	...	10	79
Provincial total ...	824	129	213	3	2	531	55	107	1,351	3,215
Statistics of the Civil Courts under Act XIII. of 1879.										
Lucknow District Judge ...	249	48	69	1	1	...	...	...	223	591
Sitapur ditto ...	91	27	2	1	1	10	...	...	147	277
Fyzabad ditto ...	136	18	16	1	...	...	...	7	57	235
Rae Bareli ditto ...	64	18	34	1	...	...	...	...	279	396
Provincial total ...	540	111	119	4	2	10	...	7	706	1,499
GRAND TOTAL ...	1,364	*240	332	7	4	541	55	114	2,057	4,714

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the Civil Courts of the Province of Oudh during the year 1879—(concluded).

Suits under the Rent Law.									*Miscellaneous rent applications.*				
Arrears of rent with or without ejectment or cancelment of lease.	Enhancement or abatement of rent.	Relating to distraint.	Damages for extortion or withholding receipt on account of illegal distraint or other causes.	For pattas or kabuliats.	For ejectment or recovery of possession.	For recovery of money or accounts from agents.	All other suits under the rent law not included above.	Total.	Application for compensation, section 25, Rent Act.	Application for distraint, sections 55, 57, and 81, Rent Act.	Applications under sections 14, 15, 25, 30, 43, and 102, Rent Act.	Other applications, such as applications for re-hearing of judgment and objections to execution of rent decrees.	Total.
43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
706	2	35	25	3	48	5	371	1,195	3	77	58	24	162
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
706	2	35	25	3	48	5	371	1,195	3	77	58	24	162
1,333	...	11	17	...	41	3	1,820	3,125	55	40	376	3,219	4,190
973	...	16	14	2	13	7	633	1,657	...	81	219	39	339
234	...	1	23	...	7	1	226	492	...	3	120	16	139
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
234	...	1	23	...	7	1	226	492	...	3	120	16	139
1,196	1	16	7	4	53	4	1,216	2,407	6	72	175	548	801
407	...	9	20	...	58	4	215	713	...	...	89	26	115
2,054	8	134	33	3	42	2	1,398	3,674	30	54	1,784	404	2,272
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2,054	8	134	33	3	42	2	1,398	3,674	30	54	1,784	404	2,272
1,440	4	5	16	4	11	1	1,685	3,146	47	49	265	51	412
726	...	4	11	1	17	3	240	1,002	2	38	792	16	848
1,092	1	1	8	5	517	3	100	1,527	30	20	393	347	790
1,751	27	269	32	2	36	...	1,223	3,340	24	338	543	415	1,320
1,122	...	72	43	...	42	1	735	2,015	41	104	551	482	1,178
12,844	43	573	249	24	684	34	9,842	24,293	238	876	5,865	5,587	12,566
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
12,844	43	573	249	24	684	34	9,842	24,293	238	876	5,865	5,587	12,566

PROVINCIAL RETURN No. VII.

Showing the number, value and cost of Suits disposed of in the Civil Courts of the Districts of Oudh during the year 1879.

Courts.	Cases.										Value.									
	Not exceeding Rs. 5.	Not exceeding Rs. 20.	Not exceeding Rs. 100.	Not exceeding Rs. 500.	Not exceeding Rs. 1,000.	Not exceeding Rs. 5,000.	Not exceeding Rs. 10,000.	Not exceeding Rs. 1,00,000.	Exceeding Rs. 1,00,000.	Total.	Not exceeding Rs. 5.	Not exceeding Rs. 20.	Not exceeding Rs. 100.	Not exceeding Rs. 500.	Not exceeding Rs. 1,000.	Not exceeding Rs. 5,000.	Not exceeding Rs. 10,000.	Not exceeding Rs. 1,00,000.	Exceeding Rs. 1,00,000.	Total.
Courts under Act XXXII. of 1871.											Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs	Rs.
Lucknow Civil Court ...	6	37	120	80	35	32	4	5	1	290	29	555	5,863	11,921	25,939	65,777	2,·083	1,78,532	1,20,000	4,33,699
Ditto Deputy Commissioner ...	130	368	430	116	11	10	...	...	...	1,065	483	5,37·	14,709	25,726	7,997	22,408	...	...	...	76 695
Ditto City Small Cause Court ...	1,045	1,743	1,207	356	...	...	...	...	...	4,351	3,585	20,937	53,178	70,889	...	...	...	...	...	1,48,562
Ditto Cantonment ditto ...	101	168	107	20	...	...	...	...	...	396	· 339	1,907	4,311	3,249	...	...	...	...	...	10,806
Total ...	1,282	2,336	1,864	542	46	42	4	5	1	6,122	4,409	28 771	78,061	1,12,785	33,929	88,185	25,983	1,78,532	1,20,000	6,69,755
Unao Deputy Commissioner ...	311	857	900	295	31	3·	...	1	...	2,396	1,149	10,240	41,042	58,471	22,484	88,392	...	11,235	...	233,92C
Bara Banki ditto ...	115	262	518	186	14	18	5	1	1	1,070	462	3,325	21,925	24,030	10,106	41,886	31,95·	30,000	2,59,755	4,23,350
Sitapur ditto ...	235	679	455	129	31	28	4	4	...	1,558	870	8,118	21,300	28,450	20,0·9	56,653	28,214	75,691	...	2,39,365
Ditto Small Cause Court ...	4	9	15	2	...	...	...	...	...	30	15	10(	7s7	620	...	...	...	...	...	1,528
Total ...	239	681	470	131	31	28	4	4	...	1,588	885	8,724	12,087	29,070	20,039	56,653	28,214	75,691	...	2,40,893
Hardoi Deputy Commissioner ...	196	784	784	331	64	22	...	...	...	2,131	726	9,286	33,229	59,807	24,512	31,625	...	...	...	1,71,185
Kheri ditto ...	165	511	391	72	8	8	1	...	...	1,156	522	5,985	17,016	15,536	5,567	18,919	6,307	...	...	70,006
Fyzabad ditto ...	270	712	764	312	56	31	4	3	...	2,151	1,049	8,825	34,891	71,262	36,134	53,461	17,905	28,633	...	2,52,160
Ditto Small Cause Court ...	38	59	26	5	...	...	...	...	...	123	117	665	1,114	1,158	...	...	...	...	...	3,054
Total ...	308	771	790	317	55	31	4	3	...	2,274	1,166	9,490	36,005	72,420	36,134	53,461	17,905	28,633	...	2,55,214
Gonda Deputy Commissioner ...	229	687	683	122	15	11	3	...	...	1,741	893	8,958	30,087	21,229	15,891	24,018	19,043	...	...	1,19,619
Bahraich ditto ...	276	537	371	71	3	5	...	1	...	1,258	994	6,279	15,681	13,503	1,749	7,173	...	14,844	...	40,163
Rae Bareli ditto ...	205	609	700	190	17	5	7	2	...	1,735	776	7,323	30,797	39,043	11,951	12,665	52,126	41,814	...	1,96,500
Sultanpur ditto ...	246	575	68	137	13	15	3	...	...	1,664	945	7,221	31,343	29,628	8,766	21,731	20,956	...	...	1,20,588
Partabgarh ditto ...	181	606	694	116	38	12	2	1	...	1,582	981	7,585	27,332	25 477	19,936	28,033	17,120	18,765	...	1,45,129
Provincial Total ...	3,721	9,135	8,776	2,460	335	228	33	18	2	24,717	13,966	1,12,606	3,86,440	5,11,099	2,10,564	4,72,741	2,18,737	3,99,614	3,79,755	27,05,422
Courts under Act XIII. of 1879.																				
Lucknow District Judge	287	837	943	312	56	60	10	4	...	2,509	1,042	10,437	44,315	61,940	39,718	1,15,874	65,282	76,642	...	4,15,250
Sitapur ditto	344	1,014	1,113	351	47	50	2	...	...	2,921	1,436	12,699	44,181	69,341	35,218	1,07,120	13,3·4	...	...	2,83,169
Fyzabad ditto	576	1,329	1,202	298	40	31	3	4	...	3,483	2,149	16,559	53,500	57,069	30,910	58,588	22,851	71,635	...	3,13,261
Rae Bareli ditto	278	1,013	1,335	386	55	31	3	...	...	3,101	1,111	12,885	59,659	82 616	40,428	57,990	22,024	...	...	2,76,713
Provincial total ...	1,485	4,193	4,593	1,347	198	172	18	8	...	12,014	5,738	52,580	2,01,655	2,70,966	1,46,274	3,39,572	1,23,531	1,48,277	...	12,88,593
GRAND TOTAL ...	5,212	13,331	13,369	3,807	533	400	51	26	2	36,731	19,704	1,65,186	5,88,095	7,82,065	3,56,838	8,12,313	3,42,268	5,47,791	3,79,755	39,94,015

PROVINCIAL RETURN No. VII.

Showing the number, value, and cost of Suits disposed of in the Civil Courts of the Districts of Oudh during the year 1879—(concluded).

Courts.	Cost.									
	Not exceeding Rs. 5	Not exceeding Rs. 20.	Not exceeding Rs. 100.	Not exceeding Rs. 500.	Not exceeding Rs. 1,000.	Not exceeding Rs. 5,000.	Not exceeding Rs. 10,000.	Not exceeding Rs. 1,00,000.	Exceeding Rs. 1,00,000.	Total.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs
Lucknow Civil Court	12	163	1,365	2,244	3,987	10,157	3,203.	13,565	4,275	38,871
Ditto Deputy Commissioner	186	1,162	3,536	4,185	1,075	1,289	...	...	...	11,433
Ditto City Small Cause Court	828	2,763	5,315	6,575	...	...	...	...	...	15,776
Ditto Cantonment ditto	75	246	458	385	...	...	...	...	...	1,184
Total ...	1,096	4,354	10,574	13,389	5,062	11,446	3,203	13,565	4,275	67 264
Unao Deputy Commissioner	296	2,062	6,591	7,031	2,593	8,521	...	1,224	...	28,318
Bara Banki ditto	126	488	3,320	2,922	1,196	4.294	2,299	1,683	3,230	19,558
Sitapur ditto	236	1,317	3,150	4,520	2,370	6,349	3,993	6,178	...	28,113
Ditto Small Cause Court	3	26	111	116	...	...	...	...	...	256
Total ...	239	1,343	3,261	4,636	2,370	6,349	3,993	6,178	...	28,369
Hardoi Deputy Commissioner	260	1,630	4,624	11,665	3,908	3,866	...	...	...	25,953
Kheri ditto	121	909	2,063	1,956	659	2,345	1,015	...	...	9,068
Fyzabad ditto	322	1,632	4,991	7,794	3,303	4,141	397	1,842	...	24,422
Ditto Small Cause Court	29	96	130	95	...	...	...	...	...	350
Total ...	351	1,728	5,121	7,889	3,303	4,141	397	1,842	...	24,772
Gonda Deputy Commissioner	243	1,278	3,288	2,434	1,026	2,556	4,081	...	...	14,906
Bahraich ditto	231	966	1,941	1,493	250	899	...	1,077	...	6 867
Rae Bareli ditto	177	1,185	4 137	5,176	1,283	1,934	3,740	3,406	...	21,038
Sultanpur ditto	258	1,103	3,720	2,746	821	2,225	510	...	...	11,443
Partabgarh ditto	158	1,040	3,373	3.115	2,377	2,804	2,273	1,959	...	17,099
Provincial total ...	3,556	18,986	52,073	64,752	24,588	51,380	21,511	30,934	7,505	2,74,055
Lucknow District Judge	372	2,051	6,605	8,653	6,156	13,994	6,165	4,884	...	48,880
Sitapur ditto	456	2,398	6,199	8,878	6,121	12,431	1 292	...	...	37,785
Fyzabad ditto	712	3,060	7,194	7,093	3,318	5,647	2,083	5,314	...	34,421
Rae Bareli ditto	371	2,300	9,919	10,207	4,329	6,032	2,184	...	...	35,842
Provincial total ...	1,921	9,809	29,917	34,831	20,424	38,104	11,724	10,198	...	1,56,928
GRAND TOTAL ...	5,477	27,895	81,990	99,583	45,282	89,484	33,235	41,132	7,505	4,31,583

PROVINCIAL RETURN No. VII.

Showing the number value, and cost of Suits disposed of in the Rent Courts of the Districts of Oudh during the year 1879.

Districts.	Cases.										Value.								Cost.								
	Not exceeding Rs. 5.	Not exceeding Rs. 20.	Not exceeding Rs. 100.	Not exceeding Rs. 500.	Not exceeding Rs. 1,000.	Not exceeding Rs. 5,000.	Not exceeding Rs. 10,000.	Not exceeding Rs. 1,00,000.	Exceeding Rs. 1,00,000.	Total.	Not exceeding Rs. 5.	Not exceeding Rs. 20.	Not exceeding Rs. 100.	Not exceeding Rs. 500.	Not exceeding Rs. 1,000.	Not exceeding Rs. 5,000.	Not exceeding Rs. 10,000.	Not exceeding Rs. 1,00,000.	Exceeding Rs. 1,00,000.	Total.	Not exceeding Rs. 5.	Not exceeding Rs. 20.	Not exceeding Rs. 100.	Not exceeding Rs. 500.	Not exceeding Rs. 1,000.	Not exceeding Rs. 5,000.	Not exceeding Rs. 10,000.	Not exceeding Rs. 1,00,000.	Exceeding Rs. 1,00,000.	Total.
											Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.				Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.				Rs.
Lucknow ...	335	597	283	22	7	1	...	...	...	1,224	1,129	5,361	14,478	9,283	4,523	1,035	...	...	...	35,809	336	1,335	1,869	1,749	659	159	...	...	...	6,140
Unao ...	719	1,289	1,029	138	8	2	...	...	...	3,185	2,388	14,180	41,993	28,955	6,059	3,885	...	...	...	94,360	514	1,931	4,602	3,014	618	353	...	...	...	10,929
Bara Banki ...	362	508	436	87	5	5	...	...	...	1,703	1,223	10,436	20,556	16,687	3,006	8,360	...	...	...	60,368	290	1,240	2,084	1,648	265	759	...	...	...	6,287
Sitapur ...	84	201	184	38	8	5	...	...	...	516	294	2,537	8,168	5,923	6,813	7,522	...	...	...	31,257	94	385	1,079	692	545	1,011	...	...	...	3,809
Hardoi ...	566	1,138	712	77	2	3	...	...	...	2,503	1,849	12,621	30,508	14,124	1,073	3,781	...	...	...	63,947	674	2,518	4,147	2,323	110	526	...	...	...	10,298
Kheri ...	152	298	218	50	9	7	...	...	...	727	516	3,723	8,398	9,993	6,701	...	...	...	...	29,331	148	573	1,059	1,218	837	...	...	...	...	3,835
Fyzabad ...	747	1,363	1,092	189	20	9	...	...	...	3,420	2,344	16,350	46,814	33,925	11,516	12,354	...	...	...	1,23,303	695	2,514	5,241	3,665	395	1,050	...	...	...	13,560
Gonda ...	777	1,295	986	173	20	5	...	...	...	3,256	2,478	14,761	41,726	33,680	13,303	8,805	...	...	...	1,14,253	590	2,283	4,280	3,076	1,145	599	...	...	...	11,973
Bahraich ...	178	422	302	85	4	3	...	...	...	994	544	4,726	12,996	16,638	9,719	3,800	...	...	...	41,423	171	810	1,461	1,768	309	347	...	...	...	6,805
Rae Bareli ...	244	690	618	52	3	2	...	...	...	1,609	810	8,307	26,597	9,420	1,852	2,747	...	...	...	49,703	258	1,355	3,254	1,106	180	352	...	...	...	11,145
Sultanpur ...	906	1,378	915	127	15	5	...	...	...	3,346	2,741	17,037	38,387	22,614	10,612	6,398	...	...	...	97,789	832	2,416	3,984	1,974	1,489	448	...	...	...	11,588
Partabgarh ...	345	914	734	107	7	...	...	1	...	2,098	1,115	10,23	32,205	17,971	4,700	...	...	15,000	...	81,222	396	1,684	4,472	2,640	861	...	...	1,835	...	11,888
GRAND TOTAL ...	5,415	10,373	7,503	1,140	108	40	...	1	...	24,580	17,322	1,20,270	3,22,426	2,16,213	72,877	58,657	...	15,000	...	8,22,765	4,998	19,046	37,525	24,873	7,021	5,537	...	1,835	...	1,00,835

Appendix to Civil Administration Report for 1879.

PROVINCIAL RETURN No. VIII.

Showing the general results of Civil Suits in the Courts of Original Jurisdiction in the Districts of Oudh during the year 1879.

Districts.	Remaining from last year.	Plaints preferred.			Received by transfer under sections 13 and 14, Act XXXII. of 1871, or section 6, Act VIII. of 1859.	Total for disposal.	Transfered to other Courts.	Disposed of without decree.		
		Rejected or returned.		Admitted under section 38.				Dismissed for default.	Withdrawn with leave under section 97.	Compromised, section 98.
		Under sections 29, 31, 32, and 37, Act VIII. of 1859.	Under sections 30 and 33 Act VIII. of 1859.							
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Statistics of the Civil Courts under Act XXXII. of 1871.										
Lucknow Civil Court ...	83	1	3	310	...	393	1	10	...	18
Ditto Deputy Commissioner,	174	3	16	1,070	...	1,244	...	184	9	72
Ditto City Small Cause Court,	111	26	13	4,337	...	4,448	...	210	19	263
Ditto Cantonment ditto ...	1	...	10	401	...	402	...	12	1	32
Total ...	369	30	36	6,118	...	6,487	1	416	29	385
Unao Deputy Commissioner ...	843	6	...	2,349	...	2,692	...	516	58	99
Bara Banki ditto ...	150	7	...	1,322	18	1,478	...	239	86	43
Sitapur ditto ...	229	7	...	1,681	...	1,910	2	341	74	173
Ditto Small Cause Court ...	2	2	...	28	...	30	...	3	7	...
Total ...	231	9	...	1,709	...	1,940	2	344	81	173
Hardoi Deputy Commissioner ...	581	...	...	2,011	2	2,594	7	397	168	141
Kheri ditto ...	155	3	...	1,202	...	1,357	...	260	68	182
Fyzabad ditto ...	630	8	...	2,257	1	2,888	1	268	97	137
Ditto Small Cause Court ...	2	...	...	120	1	123	...	15	2	9
Total ...	632	8	...	2,377	2	3,011	1	283	99	146
Gonda Deputy Commissioner ...	1,556	...	...	1,382	...	2,938	...	543	49	52
Bahraich ditto ...	104	3	...	1,358	...	1,462	...	359	12	147
Rae Bareli ditto ...	403	...	...	1,874	...	2,277	1	355	60	90
Sultanpur ditto ...	428	6	5	1,923	...	2,351	...	282	24	106
Partabgarh ditto ...	334	6	1	1,763	1	2,098	1	279	103	72
Provincial total ...	5,286	78	42	25,388	6	30,680	13	4,273	782	1,036
Statistics of the Civil Court under Act XIII. of 1879.										
Lucknow District Judge ...	...	22	6	2,197	886	3,083	...	455	45	161
Sitapur ditto ...	...	14	2	2,447	1,088	3,535	6	529	240	248
Fyzabad ditto ...	...	19	4	3,561	2,087	5,648	...	663	109	357
Rae Bareli ditto ...	...	7	4	2,223	1,709	3,925	...	330	141	204
Provincial total ...	...	62	16	10,428	5,763	16,191	6	2,177	535	970
GRAND TOTAL ...	5,286	140	58	35,816	5,769	46,871	19	6,450	1,317	

PROVINCIAL RETURN

Showing the general results of Civil Suits in the Courts of Original Juris

Districts.	Decree passed without contest			Decree passed with contest.		Total disposed of.	Pending.		
	On confession, section 144.	Decreed *ex parte*, section 111.	Dismissed *ex parte*, section 114.	In favor of plaintiff.	In favor of defendant.		Total.	Over two months.	Over four months.
1	12	13	14	15	16	17	*18	*19	*20
Statistics of the Civil Courts under Act XXXII. of 1871.									
Lucknow Civil Court ...	45	45	5	117	72	313	80	26	10
Ditto Deputy Commissioner ...	166	90	7	395	162	1,065	159	7	1
Ditto City Small Cause Court ...	1,259	993	14	1,039	554	4,851*	97	1	...
Ditto Cantonment ditto ...	132	61	...	123	35	396	6	...	...
Total ...	1,602	1,189	26	1,674	823	6,145	342	34	11
Unao Deputy Commissioner	283	196	52	777	415	2,896	296	4	...
Bara Banki ditto ...	1 4	80	39	317	202	1,070	403	...	...
Sitapur ditto ...	251	141	21	385	179	1,558	352	29	21
Ditto Small Cause Court	5	1	...	10	4	30	...	...	...
Total ...	256	142	21	395	174	1,588	352	29	21
Hardoi Deputy Commissioner ...	356	196	27	590	255	2,181	463	...	1
Kheri ditto	227	88	21	204	106	1,156	201	...	...
Fyzabad ditto	211	155	70	707	505	2,951	737	9	3
Ditto Small Cause Court	37	9	...	43	8	123	...	...	...
Total ...	248	164	70	750	513	2,274	737	9	3
Gonda Deputy Commissioner ...	153	194	79	373	298	1,741	1,197	306	415
Bahraich ditto	250	101	25	264	106	1,258	204	...	...
Rae Bareli ditto ...	362	204	45	424	195	1,736	541	18	2
Sultanpur ditto	211	243	48	439	313	1,606	685	132	36
Partabgarh ditto	313	239	34	363	170	1,588	515	38	12
Provincial total ...	4,386	3,034	487	6,570	3,564	24,744	†5,936	572	501
Statistics of the Civil Courts under Act XIII. of 1879.									
Lucknow District Judge ...	332	237	62	861	389	2,542	541	128	59
Sitapur ditto	391	225	80	851	351	2,921	614	115	87
Fyzabad ditto	463	260	90	1,024	517	3,483	2,165	606	766
Rae Bareli ditto	471	407	56	856	436	3,101	824	115	191
Provincial total ...	1,657	1,129	288	3,592	1,693	12,047	4,144	966	1,103
GRAND TOTAL ...	6,043	4,163	775	10,162	5,257	36,791	...	...	...

Appendix to Civil

* These 3 columns show the number

† Of these 5,763 were transferred

No. VIII.—CIVIL.

diction in the Districts of Oudh during the year 1879.

Duration.				Reference under Section 354.								
Uncontested.		*Contested.*										
Total number of days from date of institution to date of decision.	Average number of days.	Total number of days from date of institution to date of decision.	Average number of days.	Pending at close of last year.	Received during present year.	Total.	Returned to appellate court during present year.	Pending at close of present year.	Referred to arbitration under Chapter VI., Civil Procedure Code.	Re-admitted under section 119 or received on remand under section 351, Civil Procedure Code.	Review granted under section 376.	Date of oldest pending suit.
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33
3,275	26·62	16,080	84·81	2	6	8	6	2	6	10	4	20th Septr., 1878.
12,807	24·25	25,979	46·64	3	3	6	6	...	29	45	11	28th April, 1879.
28,954	10·49	16,529	10 37	...	...	...	...	...	2	39	7	17th Septr., 1879.
2,553	10·72	2,048	12·96	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	15th Decr., 1879.
47,589	18·02	60,586	38·69	5	9	14	12	2	37	94	24	
28,849	19·80	37,579	31·52	...	15	15	15	...	8	66	11	16th April, 1879.
12,287	22·28	18,066	34·80	1	10	11	11	...	27	26	11	
25,703	25 67	28,096	50·62	...	1	1	...	1	9	4	18	5th Decr., 1878.
339	21·19	389	27·78	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
26,042	28 43	28,485	39·20	...	1	1	...	1	9	4	18	
38,880	30·40	54,393	64 61	5	30	35	35	...	4	34	11	10th Jany., 1879.
16,965	20·05	12,160	39·22	...	1	1	1	...	16	2	46	1st May, 1879.
30,524	32·54	29,317	24·18	9	28	37	39	6	13	89	13	22nd April, 1878.
592	8·22	605	11·86	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	
31,116	20·37	29,922	18·02	9	28	37	39	6	17	89	13	Ditto.
90,283	84·82	51,129	76·19	2	11	13	11	2	24	102	28	25th Jany., 1878.
22,452	25·11	12,824	35·23	...	...	...	...	...	3	6	2	20th June, 1879.
34,084	30·55	24,792	49·05	...	1	1	1	...	2	...	3	18th Feby., 1879.
55,441	60 65	59,803	79 59	8	7	15	15	...	24	83	21	23rd Decr., 1878.
31,969	30·47	29,092	54·58	3	3	6	6	...	9	40	3	28th Octr., 1878.
4,26,907	31·82	4,19,031	45·56	33	116	149	146	11	180	546	191	
31,838	24·25	54,904	43·92	...	43	43	21	22	46	136	40	20th Decr., 1878.
62,054	36 22	65,212	54·25	4	45	49	33	16	45	86	19	12th April, 1879.
13,296	68·02	1,27,565	82·78	...	85	85	52	33	43	191	28	6th Octr., 1875.
1,00,470	55·53	96,201	74·45	...	17	17	13	4	64	87	45	10th Jany., 1879.
2,07,158	46·00	3,43,882	63·85	4	196	194	116	77	198	500	132	
6,34,065	38·91	7,62,913	54·70	37	306	343	262	88	378	1,046	323	25th Jany., 1878.

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pending in the courts on 31st July, 1879.
to the new Courts.

PROVINCIAL RETURN No. VIII.—RENT.

Showing the general results of Rent Suits in the Courts of Original Jurisdiction in the Districts of Oudh during the year 1879.

Districts.	Remaining from last year.	Plaints preferred.				Total for disposal.	Transferred to other Courts.	Disposed of without decree.			Decree passed without contest.			Decree passed with contest.		Total disposed of.
		Rejected or returned.		Admitted under section 36.	Received by transfer under sections 13 and 14, Act XXXII. of 1871, or section 6, Act VIII. of 1859.			Dismissed for default.	Withdrawn with leave under section 97.	Compromised, section 96.	On confession, section 144.	Decreed *ex parte*, section 111.	Dismissed *ex parte*, section 114.	In favor of plaintiff.	In favor of defendant.	
		Under sections 29, 32, and 37, Act VIII. of 1859.	Under sections 30 and 38, Act VIII. of 1859.													
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Lucknow	67	1	...	1,195	3	1,265	...	114	24	80	277	91	25	471	142	1,224
Unao	107	11	5	3,125	...	3,232	...	318	204	74	229	360	94	1,301	605	3,185
Bara Banki	89	3	1	1,657	...	1,746	...	205	55	46	223	212	16	627	319	1,703
Sitapur	28	2	...	492	...	520	...	59	16	47	57	31	20	180	95	515
Hardoi	146	1	176	2,407	...	2,583	2	406	175	119	245	315	82	755	404	2,503
Kheri	24	3	...	713	...	737	...	93	30	77	77	64	19	212	155	727
Fyzabad	148	1	...	3,674	...	3,822	...	332	36	152	277	501	161	1,300	662	3,420
Gonda	485	1	3	3,146	...	3,631	...	653	57	47	97	402	104	1,094	802	3,256
Bahraich	31	8	2	1,002	...	1,033	1	102	28	125	117	62	68	351	141	995
Rae Bareli	143	2	...	1,527	...	1,670	1	146	24	113	335	307	28	454	201	1,609
Sultanpur	321	12	3	3,340	...	3,661	...	458	61	134	347	505	157	1,097	589	3,348
Partabgarh	146	7	...	2,015	...	2,161	...	221	107	69	226	510	75	618	272	2,098
Total ...	1,735	52	190	24,293	3	26,031	4	3,107	816	1,083	2,517	3,360	849	8,460	4,387	24,583

PROVINCIAL RETURN No. VIII.—RENT.

Showing the general results of Rent Suits in the Courts of Original Jurisdiction in the Districts of Oudh, during the year 1879.

Districts.	Pending.			Duration.				References under section 354.					Referred to arbitration under Chapter VI, Civil Procedure Code.	Re-admitted under section 119 or received on remand under section 351, Civil Procedure Code.	Review granted under section 316.	Date of oldest pending suit.
				Uncontested.		Contested.										
	Total.	Over two months.	Over four months.	Total number of days from date of institution to date of decision.	Average number of days.	Total number of days from date of institution to date of decision.	Average number of days.	Pending at close of last year.	Received during present year.	Total.	Returned to appellate court during present year.	Pending at close of present year.				
1	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	
Lucknow	41	2	2	9,584	15·70	14,339	23·39	2	1	3	3	1	5	13	6	15th April, 1879.
Unao	47	1	...	20,682	16·17	39,923	20·94	2	29	31	31	...	9	65	17	21st August, 1879.
Bara Banki	43	9	1	16,840	20·92	27,345	23·90	...	22	22	22	...	2	26	26	19th ditto.
Sitapur	5	1	1	5,742	23·92	8,537	31·04	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	8	29th October, 1879.
Hardoi	50	12	4	29,564	21·50	37,458	32·14	4	27	31	27	4	23	41	52	26th June, 1879.
Kheri	10	...	...	6,705	18·62	6,674	18·19	...	2	2	2	...	...	1	...	11th November, 1879.
Fyzabad	402	4	2	52,538	36·03	67,500	34·40	2	25	27	26	1	4	72	44	28th February, 1879.
Gonda	375	69	129	75,985	55·87	94,614	49·90	3	14	17	16	1	14	102	39	7th ditto.
Bahraich	38	...	...	12,174	25·	15,476	32·	...	5	5	5	...	2	6	4	4th November, 1879.
Rae Bareli	61	...	...	24,801	26·06	28,817	43·99	...	7	7	4	3	4	11	15	31st October, 1879.
Sultanpur	313	98	47	66,439	39·97	75,657	44·87	...	12	12	12	...	5	61	10	22nd March, 1879.
Partabgarh	63	1	...	3 ,624	26·17	36,572	41·09	2	12	14	7	7	13	64	34	10th September, 1879.
Total ...	1,448	197	192	3,50,988	28·82	4,59,712	33·40	15	156	171	154	17	81	465	255	7th February, 1879.

PROVINCIAL RETURN No. IX.—CIVIL.

Showing the Business of the Civil Appellate Courts of the Districts of the Province of Oudh during the year 1879.

Districts.	Appeals on the file.					Struck off without trial.		Tried ex parte by reason of non-appearance of respondent.				Decided on trial.					Total disposed of.	Pending at end of year.	Duration of appeals disposed of.				Objections.		References made.	Re-admissions.	Reviews granted.	Date of oldest pending appeal.
		Preferred.						In favor of appellant.				In favor of appellant.							Uncontested.		Contested.							
	Remaining from last year.	Rejected.	Admitted.	Received by transfer.	Total.	Transferred.	Dismissed for default.	In whole.	In part.	In favor of respondent.	Total.	In whole.	In part.	In favor of respondent.	Total.	Remanded.			Total number of days from institution of appeal to date of decision.	Average.	Total number of days from institution of appeal to date of decision.	Average.	Made.	Allowed.				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Deputy Commissioners.																												
Lucknow	10	3	83	...	93	...	3	...	...	...	...	20	3	49	72	1	76	17	72	24·00	1,687	23·1	1	...	3	1	...	27th May, 1879.
Unao	21	1	204	...	225	1	15	...	...	...	...	26	9	147	182	7	208	17	583	30·68	5,030	26·61	...	...	15	2	2	13th March, do.
Bara Banki	13	3	122	...	135	...	7	1	1	1	3	25	6	78	109	8	127	8	295	42·14	2,554	32·69	...	...	18	5	...	28th May, do.
Sitapur	12	6	73	...	85	...	4	3	...	4	7	11	3	51	64	2	77	8	...	...	8,755	46·57	...	...	20	...	...	4th July, do.
Hardoi	38	4	262	...	300	5	13	...	...	...	...	44	20	107	171	17	206	94	...	...	841	23·26	...	...	1	...	...	4th March, do.
Kheri	2	...	41	...	43	...	2	1	...	...	1	12	2	21	35	1	39	4	30	30·	841	23·26	...	...	20	2	...	3rd June, do.
Kyrabad	152	10	263	...	415	4	16	...	1	8	9	22	21	110	153	26	208	207	3,064	105·65	18,698	104·45	...	...	20	2	...	22nd Oct., 1878.
Gonda	14	4	131	1	146	1	1	...	...	1	1	20	9	89	118	16	137	9	1,158	386·0	7,048	52·69	...	...	11	...	...	19th April, 1879.
Babraich	5	...	32	2	39	...	4	2	...	1	3	1	...	21	22	...	29	1	203	29·	610	27·72	...	...	...	...	...	18th July, do.
Rae Bareli	44	...	142	4	190	...	16	...	...	...	...	17	7	124	148	9	173	17	180	11·25	8,466	53·90	...	...	9	...	...	27th June, do.
Sultanpur	72	2	210	4	286	...	...	6	...	...	6	8	4	56	68	3	77	209	755	125·83	9,918	139·69	...	...	...	...	...	6th Jan., do.
Partabgarh	18	1	118	1	137	1	1	1	1	6	8	20	7	56	83	13	106	31	294	29·4	3,681	38·34	...	...	...	...	1	21st May, do.
Total ...	401	34	1,671	13	2,085	12	82	14	3	24	41	226	90	909	1,225	103	1,463	622	6,975	51·66	71,933	54·17	a 1	...	97	12	3	a These were transferred from the old to the new Civil Courts.
District Judges.																												
Lucknow	...	1	229	64	293	...	12	1	1	11	13	23	10	133	166	21	212	81	1,359	54·36	9,752	52·14	...	...	...	...	...	14th April, 1874.
Sitapur	...	...	205	138	343	1	45	3	1	5	9	52	11	106	169	28	252	91	5,650	105·5	13,159	66·7	...	...	23	9	4	28th May, 1879.
Fyzabad	...	13	270	286	556	5	43	5	4	9	18	58	24	159	241	22	329	227	7,383	131·03	30,465	115·83	5	...	85	3	...	22nd Oct., 1878.
Rae Bareli	...	18	262	270	539	...	29	...	...	...	...	38	23	158	219	24	272	260	...	...	40,484	166·50	...	...	18	...	...	15th Jan., 1879.
Total ...	...	32	966	758	1,724	6	129	9	6	25	40	171	68	556	795	95	1,065	659	14,392	82·24	93,853	105·45	...	5	126	12	4	
Provincial total ...	401	66	2,637	771	3,809	18	211	23	9	49	81	397	158	1,465	2,020	198	2,528	...	21,367	66·95	165,786	79·81	6	...	223	24	7	14th April, 1874.

PROVINCIAL RETURN No. IX.—RENT.

Statement showing the Business of the Rent Appellate Courts of the Districts of the Province of Oudh, during the year 1879.

Districts.	Appeals on the file.					Struck off without trial.		Tried ex parte by reason of non-appearance of respondent.				Decided on trial.						Pending at end of year.	Duration of appeals disposed of.				Objections.		References made.	Re-admissions.	Reviews granted.	Date of oldest pending appeal.
	Remaining from last year.	Preferred. Rejected.	Preferred. Admitted.	Received by transfer.	Total.	Transferred.	Dismissed for default.	In favor of appellant. In whole.	In favor of appellant. In part.	In favor of respondent.	Total.	In favor of appellant. In whole.	In favor of appellant. In part.	In favor of respondent.	Total.	Remanded.	Total disposed of.		Uncontested. Total number of days from institution of appeal to date of decision.	Uncontested. Average.	Contested. Total number of days from institution of appeal to date of decision.	Contested. Average.	Made.	Allowed.				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Lucknow	3	...	59	...	62	...	1	...	...	...	...	12	1	40	53	4	58	4	29	29·0	1,635	28·68	1	1	1	...	...	27th September, 1879
Unao	21	1	188	...	209	...	6	2	...	1	3	38	17	121	176	13	198	11	399	44·33	5,407	28 6	...	...	23	...	1	30th ditto.
Bara Banki	23	5	179	...	202	1	10	1	3	...	4	40	7	116	163	16	194	8	316	21.06	6,086	37·33	...	...	22	11	...	15th December, 1879.
Sitapur	5	1	22	...	27	...	4	...	...	...	...	4	2	17	23	...	27	...	...	...	1,089	40·33	...	...	...	...	...	*Nil.*
Hardoi	27	...	137	...	164	7	12	1	...	...	1	29	26	70	125	8	153	11	494	41·16	3,951	29·70	...	...	27	...	5	26th September, 1879.
Kheri	2	...	30	...	32	...	1	...	...	1	1	1	3	19	23	6	30	2	15	15·	312	12·	...	...	2	...	...	13th December, 1879.
Fyzabad	41	5	161	1	203	7	15	2	2	1	5	13	22	109	144	23	194	9	518	103·6	13,687	88 87	...	...	9	...	1	31st March, 1879.
Gonda	6	3	205	3	214	1	3	...	...	...	...	27	43	94	164	17	185	29	11	2·75	5,706	31·52	...	...	7	...	...	28th August, 1879.
Bahraich	4	2	29	3	36	4	3	...	...	...	...	4	4	21	29	...	36	...	60	20	923	31.82	...	...	5	...	...	*Nil.*
Rae Bareli	14	2	60	...	74	1	7	...	...	...	...	22	6	34	62	...	71	3	...	...	2,922	46·38	...	...	1	...	...	6th December, 1879.
Sultanpur	27	1	156	...	183	...	16	...	...	...	...	17	12	89	118	12	146	37	1,654	103 37	7,819	60·14	...	...	12	...	...	30th October, 1879.
Partabgarh ...	6	1	115	...	121	...	9	2	2	8	12	16	11	55	82	15	115	3	1,138	54·19	4,524	46·63	...	...	2	...	...	12th December, 1879.
Grand Total ...	179	21	1,841	7	1,527	21	67	8	7	11	26	224	154	785	1,163	113	1,410	117	4,634	43·34	54,061	41·21	1	1	111	11	7	31st March, 1879.

PROVINCIAL RETURN No. IX

Showing the Business of the Commissioners' Courts, on their appellate side, for the year 1879.

Divisions.	Appeals on the file.					Struck off without trial.		Heard ex parte by reason of non appearance of respondent.				Decided on trial.					Total disposed of.	Pending at end of the year.	Duration of appeals disposed of.				Objections.		References made.	Re-admissions.	Reviews granted.	Date of oldest pending appeal.
		Preferred.						In favor of appellant.		In favor of respondent.		In favor of appellant.		In favor of respondent.					Uncontested.		Contested.							
	Remaining from last year.	Rejected.	Admitted.	Received by transfer.	Total.	Transferred.	Dismissed for default.	In whole.	In part.		Total.	In whole.	In part.		Total.	Remanded.			Total number of days from institution of appeal to date of decision.	Average.	Total number of days from institution of appeal to date of decision.	Average.	Made.	Allowed.				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Civil.																												
Lucknow Commissioner ...	26	...	115	...	141	...	7	...	...	...	...	27	11	62	100	7	114	27	252	36·	5,657	44·35	2	...	6	...	1	14th April, 1879.
Sitapur ditto ...	8	...	37	5	50	2	...	...	...	...	...	10	5	15	30	...	32	18	138	69·0	2,421	80·70	...	...	4	...	...	...
Fyzabad ditto ...	27	1	48	3	78	...	...	1	...	...	1	7	10	37	54	8	62	16	...	...	3,816	61·54	2	...	...	...	...	28th May, 1879
Rae Bareli ditto ...	6	2	37	...	43	...	...	...	...	1	2	12	2	12	26	1	29	14	·63	31·50	1,924	71·25	...	...	5	1	...	14th March. 1879.
Total ...	67	3	237	8	312	2	7	1	...	1	2	56	28	126	210	16	237	75	453	41·18	13,218	58·48	4	...	15	1	1	
Rent.																												
Lucknow	5	...	240	2	247	1	4	...	...	...	5	48	12	169	229	7	241	6	312	45·2	11,463	48·57	...	...	30	...	...	8th July, 1879.
Sitapur	5	...	133	4	142	1	9	...	...	...	...	29	6	84	119	5	134	8	821	82·10	7,411	59·76	...	...	11	...	...	15th July, 1879.
Fyzabad	25	3	407	3	435	...	1	...	...	...	...	72	25	313	410	23	434	1	139	139·	19,539	45·12	1	...	1	...	1	27th November, 1879.
Rae Bareli	6	4	225	2	238	16	16	4	2	5	11	25	3	101	129	45	217	16	1 54	36·	9,732	56·	...	...	8	3	...	23rd July, 1879.
Total ...	41	7	1,005	11	1,057	18	30	4	2	5	16	174	46	667	887	80	1,026	31	2,813	43 95	48,150	49·79	1	...	50	3	1	8th July, 1879.

Appendix to Civil Administration Report for 1879.

PROVINCIAL RETURN No. IX.

Showing the general results of Civil and Rent Appeals to Judicial Commissioner of Oudh for the year ending 31st December, 1879.

Class of Court and names of officers from whose orders appeals were instituted.	Appeals on the file.				Struck off without trial.			Tried ex parte by reason of non-appearance of respondent under section 346, Act VIII. of 1867.				Decided on trial.					Total disposed of.	Pending at the end of the year.	Duration of appeals disposed of.				Objection.		Reference made under section 354.	Re-admission under section 347.	Reviews granted under section 376.
	Remaining from last year.	Preferred.	Received by transfer under section 16, Act XXXII., 1871, or section 6, Act VIII., 1859.	Total.	Rejected.	Transferred.	Dismissed for default.	In favor of appellant: In whole.	In favor of appellant: In part.	In favor of respondent.	Total.	In favor of appellant: In whole.	In favor of appellant: In part.	In favor of respondent.	Total.	Remanded under section 351.			Uncontested: Total number of days from institution of appeal to date of decision.	Uncontested: Average.	Contested: Total number of days from institution of appeal to date of decision.	Contested: Average.	Made under section 348, Act VIII, 1859.	Allowed.			
Civil.																											
From Commissioner's orders ...	7	55	...	*a* 62	16	...	...	...	...	...	...	27	1	30	56	1	58	1	...	...	4,479	76	...	...	6	...	1
From Deputy Commissioner's orders,	14	124	...	138	47	1	1	2	1	5	8	56	5	61	120	5	133	3	526	6	7,497	60	...	...	11	...	...
From District Judge's orders ...	...	18	...	*b* 18	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	2	4	...	4	8	...	...	299	75	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	21	197	...	218	70	1	1	2	1	5	8	85	4	93	182	6	191	17	526	68	12,275	65	...	...	17	...	1
Fyzabad Settlement Officer ...	9	2	...	11	2	...	...	1	...	...	1	3	1	6	10	...	11	...	80	80	620	62	...	...	...	...	...
Grand total ...	30	199	...	229	72	1	1	3	1	5	9	88	5	99	192	6	209	17	606	67	12,895	65	...	...	17	...	1
Rent.																											
From Commissioner's orders ...	19	46	...	65	50	...	...	3	...	...	3	18	1	14	33	...	36	29	180	60	2,465	75	...	...	...	1	...
From Deputy Commissioner's orders,	3	58	...	61	52	...	1	...	...	...	...	31	5	16	52	...	53	8	...	...	2,767	53	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	22	104	...	126	102	...	1	3	...	...	3	49	6	30	85	...	89	37	180	60	5,232	615	...	...	...	...	...

Miscellaneous cases.

Years.	Miscellaneous appeals and applications: Civil.	Settlement.	Rent.	Total.	References by: Small Cause Courts.	Commissioners.	Deputy Commissioners.	Settlement Officers.	District Judges.	Total.
1879 ...	837	12	13	362	8	2	7	...	2	19
1878 ...	842	11	15	368	6	4	3	...	...	11
Difference.	−5	+1	−2	−6	+2	.	+4	...	+2	+8

a Two of these were withdrawn.
b One of these was stayed under 367, Act X. of 1877.

Appendix to Civil Administration Report for 1879.

PROVINCIAL No. X.—CIVIL.

Showing the results of execution of Decrees of the Civil Courts of the Districts of the Province of Oudh during the year 1879.

Districts.	Applications to execute decrees.			Applications completely executed.		Applications partially executed.	Applications in which there was no execution.		Transferred to other Courts.	Total disposed of.	Pending.			Nature and number of coercive processes actually issued during the year.					Orders under section 245, Civil Procedure Code.	Orders under section 244, Civil Procedure Code	Orders under section 128, Rent Act.	Date of oldest pending application.
	Remaining from last year.	Filed.	Received by transfer.	Total for disposal.	By possession of immovable property.	In other ways.		From fault of decree-holder.	From other causes.			Total pending.	Over six weeks in which sale of movable property is sought.	Over three months in which sale of immovable property is sought.	Imprisonment of person.	Movable property. Attached.	Movable property. Sold.	Immovable property. Attached.	Immovable property. Sold.				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Lucknow Civil Court,	290	516	146	952	27	149	181	61	252	35	705	247	7	27	161	195	34	239	340	...	...	...	13th Decr., 1876.
Do. Depy. Commr.,	149	644	36	829	56	172	131	104	199	19	681	148	...	37	36	355	121	164	111	...	...	...	20th Augt., 1877.
Do. City S. C. C. ...	21	3,773	3	3,797	...	1,836	1,104	734	164	249	3,767	30	...	...	533	1,864	173	...	...	...	...	...	...
Do. Cantt. do. ...	3	261	5	269	..	113	138	7	...	4	269	7	...	...	13	18	7	...	...	...	...	...	5th Decr., 1879.
																							18th Novr., 1879.
Total ...	463	5,194	190	5,847	83	1,970	1,554	886	615	307	5,415	432	7	64	733	2,602	335	403	451	...	...	...	
Unao Depy. Commr.,	336	1,312	5	1,655	125	472	159	219	332	14	1,321	334	...	...	35	726	121	82	54	...	...	...	
Bara Banki ditto	253	1,010	1	1,274	64	239	105	366	169	13	958	316	...	...	49	604	78	160	54	...	...	...	20th Jany., 1879.
Sitapur Depy. Commr.,	365	895	11	1,961	23	833	120	168	236	11	896	365	51	42	54	512	110	242	63	...	...	...	14th Feby., 1878.
Do. Cantt. S. C. C....	2	15	...	17	...	3	5		2	...	14	3	...	...	3	19	6	3	2	...	...	...	6th Novr., 1876.
																							28th Feby., 1879.
Total ...	357	910	11	1,278	23	341	125	173	238	11	910	368	51	42	57	531	116	245	65	...	...	...	

Hardoi Dy. Commr. ...	681	1,208	5	1,892	131	470	228	87	281	49	1,246	646	3	7	36	386	116	117	33	...	...	...	16th Sept., 1875.
Kheri ditto ...	96	568	8	670	31	201	77	180	78	12	519	151	...	...	27	334	75	46	18	...	...	...	6th May, 1879.
Fyzabad ditto ...	254	956	9	1,219	118	324	152	125	190	13	922	297	68	96	108	574	172	105	52	...	...	...	25th April, 1875.
Do., Cantt. S. C. C.,	3	14	...	17	...	15	...	...	...	2	17	...	...	...	1	13	1	...	...	...	...	...	
Total ...	257	970	9	1,236	118	339	152	125	190	15	939	297	68	96	109	587	173	105	52	...	...	...	
Gonda Dy. Commr. ...	380	1,053	...	1,333	48	334	114	160	239	9	897	436	11	53	6	411	190	67	32	...	...	...	16th July, 1878.
Bahraich ditto ...	103	584	1	688	25	277	93	116	58	...	599	89	1	3	20	389	144	59	35	...	...	...	24th Mar, 1879.
Rae Bareli ditto ...	316	1,218	20	1,549	111	571	252	105	205	31	1,275	274	8	4	207	674	311	72	34	1	...	...	19th June, 1876.
Sultanpur ditto ...	294	967	5	1,266	141	319	137	176	170	12	955	311	5	60	86	734	227	96	85	...	...	...	2nd April, 1875.
Partabgarh ditto ...	295	927	...	1,222	36	305	152	153	334	10	990	232	42	32	98	447	164	47	37	...	...	...	11th Augt., 1876.
Total ...	5,743	15,912	255	19,910	936	5,838	3,148	2,717	2,902	483	16,024	3,886	196	361	1,463	8,425	2,052	1,499	948	1	...	...	
Lucknow Dist. Judge,	...	1,448	1,049	2,497	143	538	201	380	496	32	1,785	712	51	254	91	863	199	360	183	...	...	...	18th July, 1877.
Sitapur ditto ...	...	954	1,093	2,047	104	440	242	250	263	27	1,336	711	82	324	75	681	244	201	123	9	...	...	15th Aug., 1876.
Fyzabad ditto ...	...	1,264	784	2,050	76	535	172	298	170	10	1,261	789	153	94	41	791	170	62	22	...	...	...	29th Nov., 1877.
Rae Bareli ditto ...	...	1,282	822	2,104	185	450	292	199	273	44	1,443	661	87	121	129	998	381	140	78	4	4	...	9th Feby., 1876.
Total ...	...	4,948	3,750	8,698	508	1,963	907	1,127	1,202	123	5,825	2,873	373	793	336	3,333	994	763	405	13	4	...	
Provincial total ...	3,748	20,860	4,005	28,608	1,444	7,796	4,055	3,844	4,104	606	21,849	...	...	...	1,799	11,758	3,046	2,262	1,353	14	4	...	

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These (minus the pending of Small Cause Courts) were transferred from the old to the new Civil Courts.

PROVINCIAL RETURN No. X.—RENT.

Showing the results of execution of Decrees of the Rent Courts of the Districts of the Province of Oudh, during the year 1879.

Districts.	Applications to execute decrees.			Applications completely executed.		Applications partially executed.	Applications in which there was no execution.		Transferred to other Courts.	Total disposed of.	Pending.			Nature and number of coercive processes actually issued during the year.								Date of eldest pending application.
	Remaining from last year.	Filed.	Received by transfer.	Total for disposal.	By possession of immovable property.	In other ways.		From fault of decree-holder.	From other causes.			Over six weeks in which sale of movable property is sought.	Over three months in which sale of immovable property is sought.	Imprisonment of person.	*Movable property.* Attached.	*Movable property.* Sold.	*Immovable property.* Attached.	*Immovable property.* Sold.	Orders under section 243, Civil Procedure Code.	Orders under section 244, Civil Procedure Code.	Orders under section 195, Rent Act.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Lucknow	128	650	...	778	21	313	97	107	186	3	727	51	3	3	27	313	109	113	53	...	...	...	3rd February, 1879.
Unao	149	1,106	...	1,255	39	662	101	141	243	15	1,201	54	1	19	17	723	95	124	23	...	...	1	23rd May, 1879.
Bara Banki ...	56	738	1	795	48	277	74	125	191	13	728	67	7	11	13	436	62	57	38	6	...	...	4th March, 1879.
Sitapur	55	181	...	236	4	84	42	20	41	2	193	43	8	16	10	192	46	60	8	...	...	...	1st April, 1876.
Hardoi	118	592	...	710	19	383	73	34	126	9	646	64	2	17	31	412	111	106	34	1	...	...	10th August, 1877.
Kheri	17	231	...	248	4	183	38	20	38	1	234	14	...	2	29	176	91	6	24	...	...	...	17th October, 1879.
Fyzabad	1,204	3,219	...	4,423	107	1,451	603	361	1,129	3	3,654	769	263	489	907	2,480	869	976	443	...	...	244	26th September, 1873.
Gonda	438	2,139	...	2,577	5	792	356	150	510	4	1,817	760	14	202	57	689	356	249	116	...	...	...	13th August, 1878.
Bahraich	31	245	...	276	4	151	22	46	35	5	283	18	2	2	11	127	27	12	5	...	...	...	18th August, 1879.
Rae Bareli	193	866	...	1,059	70	459	174	70	141	3	897	162	1	23	89	666	272	123	87	...	...	1	2nd April, 1877.
Sultanpur	338	1,344	...	1,682	17	588	310	181	300	9	1,405	277	63	106	224	1,167	369	241	156	...	...	15	23rd March, 1876.
Partabgarh ...	145	776	...	921	9	278	129	99	65	1	781	140	32	17	118	489	222	137	33	2	24	3	10th August, 1876.
Grand Total ...	2,872	12,087	1	14,960	347	5,551	2,019	1,354	3,207	68	12,546	2,414	396	907	1,521	7,870	2,559	2,234	1,013	9	24	264	26th September, 1873.

PROVINCIAL RETURN No. XII. A.—CIVIL.

Statement showing the detention of Witnesses in Civil Cases in the District Courts of the Province of Oudh during the year 1879.

District.	Discharged after										Total.
	1 day.	2 days.	3 days.	4 days.	5 days.	6 days	7 days.	8 days.	9 days.	16 to 23 days.	
Lucknow Civil Court	732	108	9	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	849
Ditto Deputy Commissioner	1,343	71	13	1	5	...	...	...	...	...	1,433
Ditto District Judge's Court ...	2,596	111	15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,722
Ditto City Small Cause Court ...	3,261	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,273
Ditto Cantonment ditto	259	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	259
Total ...	8,191	302	37	1	5	...	...	...	...	...	8,536
Unao Deputy Commissioner	1,989	19	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,012
Bara Banki ditto	610	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	619
Sitapur ditto	1,412	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,417
Ditto District Judge's Court	2,661	22	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	2,686
Ditto Cantonment Small Cause Court ...	30	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	30
Total ...	4,103	22	5	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	4,133
Hardoi Deputy Commissioner	2,284	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,294
Kheri ditto	675	0	...	11	...	...	...	...	...	...	692
Fyzabad ditto	2,754	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,754
Ditto District Judge's Court... ...	2,765	85	16	8	4	2	...	...	...	...	2,880
Ditto Cantonment Small Cause Court ...	52	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	52
Total ...	5,571	85	16	8	4	2	...	...	...	...	5,686
Gonda Deputy Commissioner	922	62	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	994
Bahraich ditto	763	13	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	776
Rae Bareli ditto	1,124	38	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,167
Ditto District Judge's Court	2,576	158	40	13	2	...	...	...	...	...	2,783
Total ...	3,700	191	45	13	2	...	...	...	...	...	3,950
Sultanpur Deputy Commissioner ...	1,290	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,299
Partabgarh	926	10	24	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	961
Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Grand Total ...	30,964	179	141	33	14	2	...	...	...	...	31,873

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PROVINCIAL RETURN No. XII. A.—RENT.

Statement showing the detention of Witnesses in Rent Cases in the District Courts of the Province of Oudh during the year 1879.

District.	Discharged after										Total.	1878.
	1 day.	2 days.	3 days	4 days.	5 days.	6 days.	7 days.	8 days.	9 days.	16 to 23 days.		
Lucknow	780	23	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	803	1,245
Unao	1,657	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,666	1,573
Bara Banki	738	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	750	780
Sitapur	375	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	375	264
Hardoi	1,320	26	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,346	1,165
Kheri	282	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	282	457
Fyzabad	1,154	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	1,154	2,105
Gonda	1,359	61	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	1,420	1,851
Bahraich	447	7	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	455	547
Rae Bareli	938	15	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	954	1,240
Sultanpur	2,340	79	11	..	2	...	..	...	...	...	2,432	1,313
Partabgarh	1,143	20	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,163	1,009
Grand Total ...	12,533	252	13	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	12,800	13,549

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PROVINCIAL RETURN No. XIV.

Showing Receipts and Disbursements on account of Processes in the Civil, Rent, and Settlement Courts of the Province of Oudh for the year 1879.

Districts.	Gross Receipts.	Expenditure.					Surplus.
		Pay of supervising establishment.	Pay of serving establishment.	Twelve per cent. for cost of pensions.	Other contingencies.	Total.	
	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
Luckpow Civil Court	1.798 4 0	645 3 10	914 13 9	187 3 4	12 2 6	1,759 7 5	38 12 7
Ditto Deputy Commissioner	6,686 5 0	1,291 0 0	2,520 9 0	457 6 2	42 8 0	4,311 7 2	2,374 13 10
Ditto Small Cause Court for 7 months	2,657 0 0	525 0 0	1,878 8 11	288 6 9	4 8 0	2,696 7 8	—39 7 8
Unao Deputy Commissioner	10,694 3 0	1,077 3 5	3,788 15 11	581 5 7	33 1 8	5,460 10 7	5,233 8 5
Bara Banki ditto	9,719 % 0	1,103 8 0	3,657 14 3	571 4 3	5 7 0	5,338 1 6	4,381 2 6
Sitapur ditto	4.200 6 0	1,055 0 0	2,193 6 7	389 12 11	151 5 9	3,789 2 3	410 13 9
Hardoi ditto	9,209 14 0	1,291 0 0	5,032 3 8	770 12 7	172 0 0	7,366 0 3	1,843 13 9
Kheri ditto	2,818 2 10	853 13 3	1,295 12 3	255 8 9	3 5 6	2,388 7 9	429 11 1
Fyzabad ditto	11,846 13 0	1,319 14 0	5,778 7 6	851 12 9	2 14 6	7,953 0 9	3,893 12 3
Gonda ditto	7,940 2 0	990 0 0	4,006 5 5	599 9 0	...	5,595 14 5	2,344 3 7
Bahraich ditto	3,188 0 3	788 13 8	2,243 15 4	363 15 0	3 14 0	3,490 10 0	—234 9 9
Rae Bareli ditto	6,190 0 9	1,314 8 2	3,328 9 7	567 2 9	...	5,200 4 6	989 12 3
Sultanpur ditto	8,078 2 0	956 13 4	3,611 12 4	548 3 8	123 9 7	5,240 6 11	2,837 11 1
Partabgarh ditto	6,176 1 0	917 0 0	3.245 15 2	499 8 10	..	4,662 8 0	1,513 9 0
District Judge, Lucknow, for the last 5 months	7,414 1 8	447 6 6	5,522 9 4	716 6 2	16 1 6	6,702 7 6	711 10 2
Ditto Sitapur	4.976 11 10	1,150 0 0	2.973 1 2	494 12 3	5 7 0	4,623 4 5	353 7 5
Ditto Fyzabad	5,444 6 0	1,141 0 0	2,872 14 10	481 10 8	6 9 0	4,502 2 6	942 3 6
Ditto Rae Bareli	4,634 8 0	950 0 0	2,427 12 11	405 5 6	...	3,783 3 5	851 4 7
Total	1,1 ,650 5 4	17,997 4 2	57,273 12 11	9,020 2 11	582 14 0	84,774 2 0	25,876 3 4

ORDERS OF GOVERNMENT.

No. 577 OF 1880.

FROM

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

N.-W. PROVINCES AND OUDH,

TO

THE JUDICIAL COMMISSIONER, OUDH.

DATED NAINI TAL, THE 20TH JULY, 1880

SIR,

JUDICIAL DEPT (CIVIL)

I AM directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 958, dated 7th May, 1880, submitting your report on the administration of civil justice in Oudh during the year 1879.

2. The introduction of the new civil judicial scheme after seven months of the year had elapsed, and the changes it brought about, have caused some complication in the statements which accompany the report, and render it impossible in many cases to compare the statistics of the year with those of previous years.

As the new courts had only been sitting four months when the year closed, it would be premature as yet to form an opinion on the results of the change. As you remark in para. 27, the object of the change was to relieve an over-burdened magistracy of a considerable quantity of judicial work, and leave them more time to devote to their executive duties. There can also be no doubt that when the new system is in full operation, another result will be that cases will be more promptly decided, though, as pointed out in the review of the criminal administration report, this result could not be attained immediately on its introduction. It may be true, as you remark, that the influence of the Deputy Commissioner has been affected by the loss of civil powers. The loss, however, if real, should be only slight and temporary, and is counterbalanced by the advantages gained by the change. As head of the executive, the Deputy Commissioner will still possess ample influence; while the other disadvantage noted by you—that the (purely civil) courts of first instance and of appeal are not so numerous or accessible as before—will be more than counterbalanced by the greater punctuality and promptitude with which the suits will be disposed of. It was only to be expected that defects in detail and distribution should manifest themselves at first, but these can easily be remedied when a little more experience has been gained. On this point a further report will be awaited.

3. *Paras.* 2-6 *of report.*—There was a considerable decrease in litigation during the year, as the following statement of suits instituted in the various classes of courts shows :—

	1878.	1879.
Ordinary civil courts	... 36,290	30,931
Small cause courts	... 6,125	4,881
Rent courts	... 26,815	24,293

This decrease was due chiefly, though probably not entirely, to the improvement in the condition of the people; and the decline in rent suits affords a further satisfactory proof—if one were wanting—that the cultivating classes are emerging from the difficulties in which they were plunged by the scarcity of 1877-78. It is only in suits relating to immovable property that any considerable increase is shown The number of such suits instituted in the past two years was as follows :—

	1878.	1879.
	Rs.	Rs.
Immovable property	2,788	3,759
Right to real property	546	683

These suits were especially numerous in Unao (368), Fyzabad (376), and Sultanpur (489). In the two latter districts the numbers were probably (as you suggest) affected by the closing of the settlement; but in Unao, where in both 1879 and 1878 the applications for foreclosure were most numerous, there can be little doubt that a large number of the landholders had succumbed to their embarrassments. Out of 541 applications for foreclosure, 253 belonged to that district alone. A more satisfactory feature was the increase in applications for redemption, which increased from 27 in 1878 to 55 in 1879. In future years these applications will not be shown in the civil statements; but, as you remark, Judges should always obtain the statistics from the Deputy Commissioners.

4. *Paras.* 8-13.—Altogether 32,038* civil suits, excluding those tried by courts of small causes, were disposed of during the year. The total value of these suits was Rs. 38,30,065, or Rs. 4,33,390 less than in 1878, the falling off being greatest in suits above Rs. 10,000 but not exceeding Rs. 1,00,000. The percentage of costs to value was the same as last year (11); but it is to be regretted that in the case of suits of small value it has risen. The reason assigned in para. 9 is that suits were more hotly contested, and perhaps this is correct. While however the general percentage for the year of costs in suits not exceeding Rs. 5 in value was 28, the table given on page 4 shows that in the new civil courts it varied from 47 per cent. in Lucknow to 29 in Bara Banki and Bahraich. This tends to show that litigation has been more costly under the new system than it was under the old. On this subject, however, an opinion may more fitly be formed when next year's report is received. In the districts of the Rae Bareli Division, in Fyzabad, and Lucknow the number of petty suits in which pleaders' fees were awarded seems excessive. His Honor entirely agrees with the opinion expressed in para. 10 of the report, and I am to request that you will draw the attention of all civil and rent courts to the necessity of exercising vigilant control to repress unnecessary costs, by discouraging the employment of pleaders where there is no need for professional aid, and in refusing pleaders' fees when they do not render proper aid to courts, and to the remarks made in para. 6 of last year's review on this subject. The return introduced by you in 1879 cannot but prove of great use.

* This if has been ascertained is the correct figure, and not as shown in para. 13 of the report

This return ought to be carefully scrutinised by the appellate courts. The Judges, if they do so, can and ought to render great assistance to

you in promoting this desirable object of repressing unnecessary costs in petty cases. In para. 12 you remark that it is the process fee which presses unduly in small suits, and suggest that the present rule of charging separately for each defendant in such suits should be amended. From statement XIV. it appears that the process fee fund at present yields a surplus, which might allow the adoption of the rule that when the defendants in a case live in one village, one fee only should be charged. His Honor will readily consider any proposals you may have to make for the amendment of the present rules.

5. *Paras.* 14-15.—The number of suits left pending at the end of the year was 4,144 against 5,170 in 1878. The average duration was unfavorably affected by the uncertainty as to the date when the new system would be introduced, and the numerous transfers of officers it rendered necessary; and it is hoped that next year's report will show a considerable improvement in this respect.

6. *Paras.* 17-18.—There was a decrease in the number of cases dismissed for default and decreed *ex-parte*. It is satisfactory to find that the remarks made in last year's review and the stringent orders issued by Mr. Capper have not been without result. The numbers are however still suspiciously large, and it is hoped that the action of the various courts in this respect will continue to be vigilantly scrutinised. Unpaid sub-divisional tribunals disposed of 2,625 cases, and you are requested to convey His Honor's acknowledgments to the Honorary Assistant Commissioners named on the margin, whose services you have noticed in para. 18.

Raja Jang Bahadur Khan (Bahraich).
Raja Chitpal Singh (Partabgarh)
Chaudhri Naunihal Singh (Unao)
Sayyid Muhammad Ashraf (Hardoi).
Raja Amir Hasan Khan (Sitapur).
Raja Shamsher Bahadur (Hardoi).
Kunwar Harnam Singh (Bahraich).
Raja Jang Bahadur Shah (Kheri).
Mir Farhat Ali (Gonda)

7. *Para.* 19.—The number of witnesses examined was 28,259 against 26,789 in 1878, and 97 per cent. are reported to have been discharged after one day. The Judge of Lucknow thinks his returns trustworthy; while the Judge of Fyzabad is of a different opinion, and the two other Judges make no remark. The percentage in 1878 was 99, which His Honor was compelled to discredit. The subject was taken up energetically by Mr. Capper, and it may be expected that in future Government will have no cause to complain of the submission of untrustworthy statistics.

8. *Paras.* 20-21.—Of 28,608 decrees (including those pending from 1878) for execution of which application was made, 9,240 were completely executed. The number 4,104 remaining unexecuted from other causes than the fault of the decree-holder, shows a slight decrease compared with 1878. The percentage of such cases was especially high in the Lucknow Division, in Sitapur, and Partabgarh. These cases should be carefully watched by the Judges having jurisdiction, lest the failure should be due to any cause for which the courts and their establishments are responsible.

9. *Paras.* 28-32.—Small cause court suits fell off from 6,125 to 4,881. The Judge of the Lucknow court ascribes part of the decrease to fear on the part of creditors that information of their transactions would be given by their debtors to the license-tax officer. But it is very doubtful whether

this conjecture has any reasonable foundation. The real cause is with more likelihood to be sought for in the general circumstances of the year, which led to a decrease in litigation as a whole. The bulk of the litigation was petty. The rise in costs and in the percentage of dismissals for default and *ex-parte* decrees in the Fyzabad court is unsatisfactory, but the numbers were not large. The average duration in the Sitapur court was very high.

10. *Paras.* 31-37.—The figures given in para. 34 show that while suits for arrears of rent were fewer, there was a large increase in the suits instituted and applications made by tenants. Applications connected with distraint, as might naturally be expected, decreased. Forty-four per cent. of the rent cases were decided by tahsildars. This is the same as in 1877, while in 1878 the percentage was 48. Now that tahsildars have been relieved of much of their judicial work, there is no reason why a large number of petty rent suits should not be decided by them. His Honor however entirely concurs in your opinion that a fair proportion of suits, especially of those to contest notices of ejectment, should be tried by Assistant Commissioners at head-quarters. The total value of the property under litigation was Rs. 8,22,765, or more than a lakh less than in 1878.

11. *Paras.* 38-39.—Para. 38 gives a table showing the percentage of costs in suits under Rs. 5 and in suits generally. In the case of petty suits, the percentage was excessive in the following districts :—

Sitapur ...	... 32	Rae Bareli ...	... 33
Hardoi ...	... 36	Partabgarh ...	... 35
Bahraich ...	... 31		

The proper percentage of Sultanpur is not 38, as given in the report, but 30, and of Rae Bareli 32 and not 33. The explanation given by the Deputy Commissioner of Hardoi shows that it is probably necessary to revise the orders regulating the levy of process fees in such cases. The result of the further inquiry, which you are making, will be awaited before any steps are taken.

The percentage of cases not exceeding Rs. 100 in value, in which pleaders' fees were awarded, was highest in Lucknow and Rae Bareli, and in those districts a more careful scrutiny by the Deputy Commissioners of the award of costs by the subordinate courts seems to be required. In not a single case in Bahraich were such fees awarded, and it can seldom happen that in suits of the value of only Re. 1-8-0 such fees should be allowed.

12. *Paras.* 40-43.—The total number of suits decided was 24,826, or 2,345 less than in 1878. The number left pending was 1,448. The average duration compares favorably with 1878, but in Gonda and Sultanpur an improvement is required. The increase in the number of cases dismissed for default was probably due to the fever epidemic in the autumn months: on the other hand, there was a large decrease in the number of cases decreed *ex-parte*. The number of such decrees (3,360) is still large ; but in rent cases, where the arrears are admittedly due, the defendant frequently prefers to let judgment go by default to taking the trouble of attending the court.

13. *Para* 41.—The number of witnesses examined is 12,800, or 749 less than in 1878. Vigorous steps have now been taken in every district to check the detention registers, and it is to be hoped that next year correct returns will be submitted to Government.

14. *Para.* 45.—It is probably on the whole advisable that tahsildars should, as far as possible, execute their own decrees, and thereby save the parties the expense and trouble of a journey to the sudder: but this is a subject on which the Lieutenant-Governor would be glad to have a further expression of your views, after consulting Commissioners and Deputy Commissioners, and considering their opinions, which might also be submitted to Government The main object to be aimed at is the prompt disposal of applications for execution at as little cost to the parties as possible, regard being had to the establishment at the disposal of tahsildars, and the effect on his other duties. The low percentage of decrees completely executed in Partabgarh is noticeable. Mr Woodburn's exertions to effect the realisation of the arrears decreed against under-proprietors in Fyzabad were judicious and vigorous, and the success that attended them reflects great credit on his administration of that important district.

15. *Para.* 48.—Fewer appeals were preferred to Deputy Commissioners than during the previous year; the duration however was considerably greater. The appellate work of Commissioners on the other hand largely increased, owing chiefly to the increase in suits to contest notices of ejectment.

16. *Para.* 49.—The receipts from process fees showed a small falling off, but both this fund and the sale commission fund yielded a surplus.

17. *Para* 51.—By G O. No. 916, dated 19th May last, a certain establishment was sanctioned for the purpose of weeding records, and it is expected that next year's report will show that this important work has been vigorously prosecuted.

I have the honor to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient servant,

C. ROBERTSON,

Secretary to Government,
N.-W Provinces and Oudh.

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WILLIAM C. CAPPER, ESQ., C.S.,

JUDICIAL COMMISSIONER OF OUDH,

TO

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

NORTH-WESTERN PROVINCES AND OUDH.

Dated Lucknow, the 24th May, 1881.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to report on the administration of justice in the civil and rent courts of Oudh during the year 1880, and to submit the usual statistical statements, together with the reports, in original, of 4 Commissioners, 12 Deputy Commissioners, 4 District Judges, and 3 Judges of Small Cause Courts, as per accompanying list.

2. The income and expenditure of the rent and criminal courts are shown together, but the civil courts have in 1880 returned an income from court fees of Rs. 91,041 in excess of expenditure.

RETURN No. I.

Income, cost, and number of tribunals.

	Cost of tribunals in 1880, as reported by District Judge.	*Registered amount of Court fees filed in cases.*
	Rs.	Rs.
Lucknow	80,260	1,25,262
Sitapur	67,022	96,290
Fyzabad	73,920	74,330
Rae Bareli	65,853	82,284
Total ...	2,87,125	3,78,166

The Lucknow City Small Cause Court shows an expenditure of Rs. 13,322, against an income of Rs. 13,166.

3. The 38 paid officers who presided over the ordinary Civil Courts on the last day of the year were 2 covenanted, 2 military, and 2 uncovenanted Europeans, with 32 natives, being 1 District Judge, 9 Sub-Judges, and 22 Munsifs; 27 Honorary Assistant Commissioners also decided civil cases, so the total number of civil tribunals was 65. Of the native officers a large proportion recorded their proceedings in the English language.

4. The aggregate amount of litigation in the year closely resembles that of 1878, as shown in the subjoined memo. of suits instituted—

	1880.	1879.	1878.
Ordinary civil courts	38,149	30,931	36,290
Small cause courts	4,717	4,881	6,125
Rent (Act XIX. of 1868) courts	25,218	24,293	26,815
Total ...	68,084	60,105	69,230

RETURN No. VI.

Suits instituted.

5. Compared with 1879 there was a large increase in cases instituted. But owing to the imminent separation of the Civil Department, several Deputy Commissioners for some months of 1879 refused civil petitions and all discouraged them, so the general increase in all classes was to be expected. The provincial returns of 1880 differ but little from those of 1878, though there has been greater increase in some local jurisdictions than in others, the real cause for which cannot be ascertained.

	1879.	1880.
Written obligations	10,284	12,600
Unwritten do	3,771	6,062
Moveable property	3 945	4,738
Immoveable do.	3,759	4,129
Accounts stated	2,289	2,579
Breach of contract	1,411	1,914
Goods sold ... . , ...	1,433	1,698
Damages	1,440	1,530
Money paid and received	816	922
Rights to real property	683	804
Rent (not under Act XIX. of 1868)	308	312
Specific performance of contract	191	302
Enforcement of matrimonial rights	123	156

There was a small decrease of from 481 to 413 in the past two years under seven other comparatively unimportant classes.

6. It is noticeable that of the 38,149 suits instituted, 32,345 were for money and moveable property of a nature cognizable by courts of small causes, while 5,804 related to immoveable property and other rights (columns 22 to 33). This fact led me to recommend that the majority of the Sub-Judges should be invested with the powers of a court of small causes within the local area of their jurisdiction as Munsifs, and the Government has lately sanctioned the experiment.

The number filed in each class of court was as follows :—

	Class of Courts	*Money and moveables.*	*Land, &c.*	*Total.*
27	Honorary Assistant Commissioners ...	3,577	147	3,724
22	Munsifs	19,177	3,218	22,395
12	Sub-Judges	9,567	2,394	11,961
4	District Judges	24	45	69

The Honorary Assistant Commissioners' share corresponds closely with that of 1878, in which they had 3,019 out of 36,290 suits; their individual work will be noticed in connection with return No. VIII. The average for Munsifs is 1,018 suits, about 85 a month; of Sub-Judges 996, or 83 monthly. Of the 69 cases above Rs. 10,000, the District Judge of Lucknow returns 22, of Sitapur 21, of Fyzabad 11, and of Rae Bareli 15 suits.

7. But in fact, as will be seen from the statement below, the distribution of business between the several Munsifs and Sub-Judges was very unequal Last year it was, in para. 7, stated that the territorial jurisdiction of some of the new courts was open to improvement; but experience has shown that, though in forming the new judicial scheme and creating the new courts in each district, the available statistics as to business done in past years were probably examined, yet, owing to the settlement cases not being remembered and to other causes, considerable modifications will be necessary.

District.	Number of suits instituted.	Number of Sub Judges and Munsifs.	Average per court.	Number of suits before each Sub-Judge	*Maximum and minimum before Munsifs.*		Number of Honorary Assistant Commissioners who worked in the year.	Number of suits before all Honorary Assistant Commissioners.
					Maximum	Minimum.		
Lucknow ...	2,057	3	685	164	1,073	724	3	74
Unao ...	3,898	4	973	1,010	1,002	744	3	272
Bara Banki ...	2,754	3	918	499	1,307	938	2	10
Sitapur ...	3,787	3	1,262	641	1,210	1,073	3	842
Hardoi ...	3,351	4	837	652	975	814	4	485
Kheri ...	2,150	2	1,075	928	1,091	Only one Munsif.	2	131
Fyzabad ...	3,133	2	1,566	2,003	948		...	...
Gonda ...	4 268	3	1,422	1,3?0	2,002	754	...	...
Bahraich ...	4,374	3	1,458	1,509	1,523	197	4	1,145
Rae Bareli ...	2,958	3	986	709	1,032	1,013	3	190
Sultanpur ...	2,712	2	1,356	1,287	1,425	Only one Munsif.	...	...
Partabgarh ...	2,712	2	1,356	1,179	958		3	575

Revision of jurisdictions during 1880.

8. Some were effected during the year, but too late to afford material relief, the transferred Munsifs not joining till November. The Munsif of Sandila was temporarily transferred to the Fyzabad district as an additional Munsif, and his parganas were included in the jurisdiction of the Sub-Judge of Hardoi. The Nanpára Munsif, whose file was very light owing to the Honorary Assistant Commissioner, the Raja of Nanpára, taking 950 cases, was temporarily transferred as an additional Munsif to Gonda, the Sub-Judge taking charge of his parganas.

A redistribution of parganas between the Sub-Judge and Munsif of Partabgarh with the object of relieving the former is reported to be inadequate, although Honorary Assistant Commissioner Raja Chitpal Singh with very laudable zeal relieved the Sub-Judge of 500 cases.

A redistribution of parganas between the Sub-Judge and Munsif of Kheri was rendered necessary by the latter's headquarters having been fixed at Muhamdi; but for want of a suitable building there the Munsif had not moved at the end of the year.

Other changes will be necessary, and with the statistics of a complete year before me I shall have solid ground on which to work. Several districts are still swamped by the large number of settlement cases transferred to the new courts, and already the Government has sanctioned a redistribution of work between the Sub-Judge and Munsifs of the Lucknow district, which will at the same time remove the great inconvenience to which many suitors were put by having to attend the Munsif's Court at Malliabad.

Miscellaneous cases.

9. Applications other than suits also rose numerically, as indicated by the subjoined statistics:—

	1879.	1880.
I.—Claims preferred under sections 246, 280, 328, and 332, of the Procedure Code	1,218	2,266
II.—Applications to sue as paupers	249	266
III.—Applications to administer estates of deceased and incapable persons	332	445

10. An increase in the 1st class was to be expected with the normal return of litigation from its falling off in 1879. The return of pauper applications seems large, but only 49 were admitted. The District Judge of Sitapur has furnished a list of the cases with their values, as suggested in the 6th para. of the last annual report, and adds that section 408 of Act. X. of 1877, which requires the court to give the Government pleader notice of every application filed, cannot be carried out, as there is no such Pleader appointed. He has been informed that, to secure Government interests, the Deputy Commissioner might be informed in each case

and left to appoint a Pleader specially, if he deemed it necessary, as some of the cases in the Sitapur list are of large values, including one for Rs. 25,921 and another for Rs. 10,599; but it does not appear that Government interests in either case were prejudiced.

11. The 3rd class includes applications under Acts XIX. of 1841, XXXV. and XL. of 1858, and XXVII. of 1860, and the increase under the last in the Rae Bareli district is attributed by the Judge to applications for certificates from heirs of soldiers who had fallen on active service in Afghanistan.

12. Amongst "other applications" in the Provincial return are comprised cases under section 53 of the Oudh Land Revenue Act for the resumption of rent-free grants; the District Judge, Lucknow, reporting 56, Sitapur 4, Fyzabad 5, and Rae Bareli 27. When the Revenue Act is revised, I for many reasons think it would be desirable that these applications should not be received by the civil court, but be disposed of executively by the district revenue authorities; leaving the persons who may obtain a certificate that a grant is liable to resumption to bring his action for physical possession in the civil courts, should he wish to resume, when any incidental questions of title not derived from the grant can be judicially disposed of.

13. Applications for foreclosure and redemption of mortgages and conditional sales of land under Regulation XVII. of 1806, as modified by Act XVIII. of 1876, are at present presented to Deputy Commissioners; but in accordance with para. 6 of the last civil report, referred to in para. 3 of the review, District Judges have procured the following statistics of these cases, which show that the increase in applications for redemption noticed last year did not continue:—

	Lucknow.	Sitapur.	Fyzabad.	Rae Bareli.	Total.
For foreclosure ...	268	75	119	101	563
,, redemption ...	2	2	1	26	31

The District Judge of Lucknow attributes the large number (250) for the 3rd year in Unao the highest return of applications for foreclosure to the prevalence of a particular kind of mortgage in that district, but I am not satisfied with this explanation. The position of the district rendered it specially liable to the exactions of the hangers on of the old court at Lucknow, and the assessment was from the first heavy. Loans are easily obtained on security of the land from money-lenders at Cawnpore as well as from those at Lucknow, and, as remarked by you in the review of last year's report, "a large number of the landlords have succumbed to their embarrassments."

I am not sure that applications for redemption should be made to the Deputy Commissioners. The District Judge certainly comes under the definition of "other officer having jurisdiction in the district" with reference to the subject-matter, and there would be manifest convenience in the application being made to a court having jurisdiction as to all questions of disputed accounts and the like which may arise.

14. In 1879 the value of property under litigation amounted to Rs. 38,30,065, and it rose to Rs. 50,18,922 during the year under report, the amount claimed in each division or civil district being—

RETURN No VII. Value of property under litigation.

Lucknow	Fyzabad	Rae Bareli.	Sitapur.
Rs. 18,86,622	Rs. 12,20,443	Rs. 9,91,803	Rs 9,10,154

the average value of each suit having been—

Rs. 219 4 0	Rs. 114 12 0	Rs. 120 15 0	Rs. 99 14 0

as against in 1879—

Rs. 215 3 0	Rs 86 5 0	Rs. 92 0 0	Rs 98 2 11

This enhanced value is mainly due to an increase in the number of suits, for over Rs. 5,000, as the following figures indicate :—

				1879.	1880.
Exceeding Rs.	5,000, but not exceeding Rs.	10,000	... ...	51	63
„ „	10,000 „ „ „	1,00,000	... ...	26	48
„ „	1,00,000 ...	...	... ...	2	5

District details of these cases will be found in the Provincial return No. VII.

Exclusive of 8 suits transferred, 250 rejected and returned, and 30 claims which cannot be valued, such as suits for declaratory decrees and for enforcement of matrimonial rights, there are 36,681 cases shown in this return as having been decided by the courts working under Act XIII. of 1879; and from the subjoined details it will be gathered that there were 35,574—(*a*) not exceeding Rs. 500 in value, or within the powers of a Munsif, 1,054; (*b*) for sums above Rs. 500, but not exceeding Rs. 10,000; and (*c*) 53 above Rs. 10,000 :—

				(*a*)	(*b*)	(*c*)
Lucknow	...	...	...	8,225	393	21
Sitapur	...	...	...	8,952	239	13
Fyzabad	...	...	...	10,453	174	11
Rae Bareli	...	...	...	7,944	248	8

Costs of litigation.

15. Statistics of costs are not required for the Imperial return No. VII. prescribed by the Government of India. They are valuable so far as they direct attention to the heavy burden often imposed on the country by the large number of pleaders allowed under the existing system to appear before our courts and to the dearness of civil justice; but as the preparation of the present return entailed much time and labor on the establishments, the Government in your No. 1232 of 20th October sanctioned their discontinuance on the understanding that the Judicial Commissioner would find that the columns added to the monthly business statement enable him to maintain a strict supervision over the costs in petty suits. The provincial percentages of cost to value of litigation in the past two years were as follow :—

Years.	Not exceeding Rs. 5.	Not exceeding Rs. 20.	Not exceeding Rs. 100.	Not exceeding Rs. 500.	Not exceeding Rs. 1,000.	Not exceeding Rs. 5,000.	Not exceeding Rs. 10,000.	Not exceeding Rs. 1,00,000.	Exceeding one lakh.
	Rs	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1879 ...	28	17	14	12	12	11	9	7	2
1880 ...	34	20	15	13	13	12	9	5	3

and District Judges return the following percentages of cost on (*a*) the aggregate amount of litigation in their divisions, as well as (*b*) on suits between Rs. 100 and Rs. 500, and (*c*) on suits not exceeding Rs. 5 in value :—

				(*a*)	(*b*)	(*c*)
Lucknow	...	...	...	10·1	14·2	45·1
Sitapur	...	...	...	11·1	14·6	33·7
Fyzabad	...	...	..	8·4	11·6	29·6
Rae Bareli	...	..	...	9·7	13 10	44·15

The provisions of the new Civil Code as to filing copies of documents and proceedings relied on much tend to increase costs; and, as was pointed out last year, the process fee presses unduly on suitors for small value, though the reduction of the fee for a summons from six to four annas in suits not exceeding Rs. 5 in value, and the making of one charge only when there are several defendants in a case all of whom reside in the same village (sanctioned by G. O. No. 1167A., dated 30th October, 1880), will afford some relief. But speaking broadly, where advocates and pleaders are most numerous, the costs are highest. Judges are at present enjoined not to allow costs of pleaders in suits below Rs. 100 in value when professional aid was unnecessary, and it may be that this rule might be beneficially extended to suits of a higher value.

16. Pleaders' costs were allowed in *800 suits below Rs. 100 in value by the officers named in the 6th para. of the District Judges' reports, and among these are cases of very small value; but, as observed by the District Judges of Lucknow and Rae Bareli, suits of small pecuniary values often relate to land and easements and, though brought under the semblance of suits for the produce, are really to establish rights to the property. There is a growing practice in small cases as well as among the higher class of pleaders to insist upon payment before appearing in a case; but if it were found that in certain classes of cases costs so paid were often not recoverable, the practice would be checked.

Lucknow	103
Sitapur	250
Fyzabad	155
Rae Bareli	292

17. There were 36,969 suits decided, giving an average of 3,360 a month on eleven months' work. This is an improvement on the monthly average of 3,031 on the four months' outturn for 1879; and markedly better than the monthly average (2,837) returned for the old civil courts under Act XXXII. of 1871 in para. 13 of the 1879 report. In future, the Dasera vacation having been abolished, the further gain to the public of something like 6,000 additional suits disposed of in the year may be anticipated, besides applications for execution of decrees and other miscellaneous cases. The provincial average of 3,360 comes to 840 suits a month per civil district; Fyzabad returning about 968, Sitapur 834, Lucknow 785, and Rae Bareli 744.

RETURN No. VIII. Trial of suits.

18. Twenty-two Munsifs decided 22,461 suits, or an average monthly of 93 cases each, calculated on eleven months' work; the results per district having been as follow:—

District, Civil.	*No. of Munsifs.*	*Total No. of suits decided.*	*Average.*
Lucknow	7	6,688	955
Sitapur	6	5,686	947
Fyzabad	5	5,781	1,156
Rae Bareli	4	4,306	1,076

19. In the twelve Sub-Judges' Courts 10,748 suits were decided, or 1,315 less than the number instituted. The aggregate outturn gives an average of 895 a year, or about 81 a month, to each for eleven months; the district figures being for —

Lucknow	181	Fyzabad	1,178
Unao	974	Gonda	1,088
Bara Banki	479	Bahraich	1,490
Sitapur	611	Rae Bareli	716
Hardoi	646	Sultanpur	1,279
Kheri	901	Partabgarh	1,210

The Lucknow Sub-Judge's jurisdiction has since been extended.

20. Twenty-seven Honorary Assistant Commissioners decided 3,701 suits; and the following seem specially deserving of the thanks of the Government, for which I cordially recommend them: :—

1.	Raja Jang Bahadur Khan, Nanpára,	Bahraich district, decided		969	suits.
2.	Raja Chitpal Sing,	Partabgarh	„ „	509	„
3.	Raja Amir Hasan Khan,	Sitapur	„ „	408	„
4.	Raja Shamsher Bahadur,	Hardoi	„ „	399	„
5.	Sayyid Muhammad Ashraf	„	„ „	365	„
6.	Kuar Jang Bahadur Sah,	Kheri	„ „	128	„
7.	Rana Shankar Baksh,	Rae Bareli	„ „	123	„

In Chaudri Naunihal Singh, who died during the year, the civil courts of the Unao district lost a zealous and able coadjutor; he had decided 229 suits.

21. But although the general outturn of business was larger than in 1879, yet the pending cases rose from 4,115 at the beginning to 5,545 at the close of the year; and the four District Judges' returns show the following results :—

Pending cases.

	At beginning of 1880.	At close of 1880.	Date of oldest case.
Lucknow ...	530	595	25th August, 1879.
Sitapur ...	599	680	13th ditto.
Fyzabad ...	2,162	3,294	26th September, 1878.
Rae Bareli ...	824	976	15th March, 1880.

I have noted above that measures are under consideration to ensure better results in future.

22. An improvement in the duration of cases is shown both as regards contested and non-contested cases. The provincial average for the past two years and those reported by District Judges for 1880 are subjoined : —

Duration of cases.

	Uncontested.	Contested.
	Days.	Days.
Provincial { 1879 ...	46	64
Provincial { 1880 ...	35	61
Lucknow ...	22	42
Sitapur ...	26	49
Fyzabad ...	56	94
Rae Bareli ...	34	59

In the Fyzabad and Rae Bareli calculations have been included old settlement cases for which the new civil courts are not altogether responsible, although in the 15th para. of the last report my *locum tenens* directed their omission. On the whole, Munsifs do not appear to have worked so expeditiously as Tahsildars did before the separation of the civil courts; while the Sub-Judges have apparently worked with greater promptitude than Assistant Commissioners and Extra Assistant Commissioners did on the civil side in the year 1878.

Average duration in suits.

	Tahsildars in 1878.	Munsifs in 1880.	Assistants in 1878.	Sub-Judges in 1880.
	Days.	Days.	Days.	Days.
Contested ...	39	54	76	68
Uncontested ...	20	32	53	40

23. Of the aggregate number (36,969) of suits decided, 15,437, or 41·7 per cent., were contested, the District Judge of Lucknow returning about 48· per cent., of Sitapur 35· per cent., and of Fyzabad and Rae Bareli 42· per cent. each; while the proportions in the various classes of courts were before Honorary Assistant Commissioners, 27·3 per cent., Munsifs 42·7 per cent., Sub-Judges 44· per cent., and District Judges 85· per cent. Judgments for plaintiffs preponderated, *i. e.*, in 66· per cent. of the claims contested.

Incidence of trial.

Of the uncontested cases, those dismissed *ex parte* formed but the small proportion of 2· per cent., and the decrees *ex parte* amounted to 9· per cent.; but it is remarkable that while Lucknow returns only 6· per cent., Rae Bareli accounts for 12· per cent. thus disposed of.

Decrees on confession stand at 15·5 per cent. (to 17· per cent. in 1878), and the proportions reported by the District Judges do not vary much. But suits withdrawn and compromised, of which the provincial proportion was 14·4 per cent. (to 12· per cent. in 1878), amounted to 19· per cent. in the Sitapur district, while in that of Lucknow they were only 12· per cent., Fyzabad returning about 14 and Rae Bareli 13· per cent. Dismissals for default have fallen off from 19· per cent. in 1878 to 16·7 per cent. in the past year, Sitapur returning the largest proportion of 19· per cent.

24. A larger number of applications for execution of decrees was disposed of than in 1879, the average per month having been 1,685 to 1,582. The year opened with the oldest pending application as of the 9th February, 1876, and closed with that of the 20th July, 1876. Many

RETURN No. X.
Execution of decrees.

of the oldest cases refer to land the sale of which is not desirable, if the decrees can be otherwise liquidated. From the following percentages will be observed the success achieved in each district towards the satisfaction of decrees :—

	Years.	Lucknow.	Sitapur.	Fyzabad.	Rae Bareli.
Completely executed ...	1879	36	43	47	45
	1880	37	44	54	50
Partially executed ..	1879	14	17	14	18
	1880	14	20	13	21

Six thousand five hundred and fourteen applications were wholly infructuous, of which 4,186 are returned as from other causes than the fault of decree-holders. In this respect the Lucknow and Rae Bareli results seem to be least satisfactory, but the Judge of the latter district has furnished the following statement of causes assigned by the courts for striking off cases ; and, having examined sixty files, he adds that in no case have the proceedings been found to be premature or irregular :—

I.—Property applied for attachment not found.
II.—Disappearance of judgment-debtors on issue of arrest warrants.
III.—Judgment-debtors being agriculturists, their houses not being liable to attachment.
IV.—Property released on objections filed.
V.—Limitation.
VI.—After issue of notices under section 248, Civil Procedure Code, no further proceedings were taken by decree-holders.
VII.—Want of bidders at the sale.
VIII.—Decree-holder's want of judgment in applying for sale of the judgment-debtor's *entire* village for the satisfaction of a decree of an insignificant amount, *i. e.*, Rs. 18-15-0.
IX.—Reversal of *ex parte* decrees by appellate court.
X.—Payment of decree by instalments agreed upon by parties.
XI.—Release of attachment by order of appellate court on security.
XII.—Adjustment out of court.
XIII.—Struck off at the decree-holder's request, he being in need of going to another district on his private affairs.
XIV.—Decree-holder's failure to point out to the server the property applied for attachment, he having compromised with the judgment-debtor.

The District Judge of Sitapur reports that decree-holders are very remiss in attending to their decrees and receiving money paid into courts, although special arrangements have been made to clear off deposits.

Coercive processes.

25. Of the nature and number of coercive processes issued there is not much to add. Applications for imprisonment of the person decreased from 1,259 to 1,047, Rae Bareli returning the largest number. The instances in which imprisonment actually takes place fall far short of the applications : thus in the Lucknow division only 36 judgment-debtors were sent to prison on 233 applications.

There were 1,367 sales of immovable property (as against 1,353 in 1879), of which Lucknow returns more than half the number. Many decrees are transferred from the small cause court to the Munsif of Lucknow for execution against houses and gardens in the city, when there are no movables forthcoming to attach.

Return No XIIA. Witnesses.

26. Thirty-nine thousand three hundred and sixty-three witnesses are returned as examined, being 11,104 more than the number reported in 1879 ; but the increase is nominal, as the figures for 1880 include witnesses in all miscellaneous cases as well as in regular suits, whereas the witnesses who attended in miscellaneous cases were not accounted for in 1879. The

order for this change was issued during the latter half of the year, otherwise it would have been larger. Long detentions were again the exception, and over 95 per cent. were discharged after a single day's attendance. The District Judge of Lucknow believes that the statistics relating to witnesses in suits is correct, though as regards miscellaneous cases they may be open to doubt. All courts in the Sitapur division were enjoined to prepare the return with care. The officers of the Fyzabad districts have, it is said, checked the statements and certify to their correctness; but nothing is said on this point in the Rae Bareli report. I have this year no reason, however, to doubt the general correctness of this return; and from the lengthy explanations furnished of certain long detentions, and as to the necessity of not adjourning cases indiscriminately, the courts seem to be fully alive to the importance which is attached to this return.

RETURN No. IX. Appeals to District Judges.

27. Civil appeals have increased, as indicated by the subjoined statistics of cases instituted :—

In 1878 before Commissioners and Deputy Commissioners.	In 1879 before Commissioners, Deputy Commissioners, and District Judges.	In 1880 before District Judges.
2,991	2,943	3,379

and the following figures show considerably larger increases in the Sitapur and Fyzabad divisions, while a decrease occurred in that of Rae Bareli; the number of cases decided and pending in each District Judge's court being also set out :—

		Lucknow.	Sitapur.	Fyzabad.	Rae Bareli.
Instituted in	1879 ...	723	590	836	892
	1880 ...	796	771	1,037	775
Decided	...	737	800	1,033	631
Pending	...	124	73	227	398

In the decisions are included pending cases of 1879, as well as appeals instituted during 1880; and the date of the oldest pending case is 22nd September, 1879, in the Rae Bareli court.

The average duration of uncontested appeals has fallen in the past two years from 82 to 79 days, and of contested from 105 to 79 ; and the improvement would have been greater but for some old appeals before the Rae Bareli District Judge, which were transferred to his court in August, 1879.

28. Appellants were most successful in the Lucknow court, and least so in that of Rae Bareli, for out of the number of appeals finally decided on full trial 30·4 per cent. were decreed in favor of appellants at the former, while only 15·7 per cent. were decreed at Rae Bareli; in the Sitapur court 35·8 per cent., and in that of Fyzabad 28·9 per cent., were decreed.

Not a single appeal was tried *ex parte* by reason of non-appearance of respondent in the Rae Bareli court; there were 62 so decided by the other District Judges.

29. The civil business of my own court will be gathered from the following details of appeals and other cases preferred :—

Judicial Commissioner's court.

	1879.	1880.
Divorce suits	...	5
Regular appeals	...	44
Second ditto	271	288
Miscellaneous appeals and applications	349	426
References for rulings	10	9
Total ...	630	772

Out of the aggregate of 772 cases, 58 were pending at the close of the year being less than a month's average; and the average duration of contested cases fell from

65 to 62 days. In addition to these will be found the business on the rent side in para. 62.

Return No. XIV. Process fee fund.

30. Rs. 75,884-13-0 were realized by process fees, including under section 22 of the Court Fees Act the receipts of small cause courts. The income of two of these fell short of the expenditure, but a general surplus of Rs. 16,197-13-10 accrued to Government at the close of the year, after providing for the entire pay of all supervising as well as serving establishments, 12 per cent. for their pensions, and also for contingencies. Yet it will be necessary for every civil court to supervise the fund more closely in future, to watch the financial effect of the changes adverted to in the 15th para. of this report. A permanent staff of 459 peons was sanctioned for the year, the estimated number of processes to be served by them being about a lac and a half.

Lucknow	...	134
Sitapur	...	102
Fyzabad	...	98
Rae Bareli	...	78
Small cause court	...	47

Sale commission fund.

31. Receipts in this fund amounted to Rs. 11,304-8-1, and after disbursing the pay of peons entertained under Circular XXIV. of 1872 and contingencies there was a surplus of Rs. 9,221-12-0; one-fourth of this is payable to nazirs and others employed in making sales, while the remaining three-fourths are at the disposal of Government. The 25 per cent. allowed to nazirs is in consideration of their having to meet all incidental charges for the custody of attached property over and above the pay of peons.

Records.

32. By Circular No. VIII of the 26th May, 1880, Munsifs' record-rooms were abolished, and instead of them eight others were created in the courts of the Sub-Judges who do not hold court at the same station with District Judges. The files of cases decided since August, 1879, have been arranged in all civil courts, but no papers have been eliminated from them, as the work of weeding will not begin before the lapse of three years. Very little, however, could be done in the way of weeding the old civil records in Deputy Commissioners' offices, as most of the Sub-Judges were unable to take charge of these files for the want of proper record-rooms. In the offices of the District Judges of Sitapur, Fyzabad, and Rae Bareli, some progress was made during the year, and since its close the Sub-Judges of Hardoi and Bara Banki have commenced to receive the old records from Deputy Commissioners and to weed them. The subject is engaging my attention on the special reports rendered by District Judges in conformity with the circular. The record fund surplus for the nine months ending 31st March, 1881, is returned at Rs. 7,038-12-4.

Libraries.

33. I have also under my consideration the question of supplying the civil courts with suitable law books, and am only awaiting from District Judges lists of books already in store, to complete the libraries so far as funds will permit.

English numerals.

34. The use of English figures in all official accounts has been introduced and will be maintained in all courts.

SMALL CAUSE COURTS.

Return No. VI. Suits instituted.

35. Institutions were as follows in the past two years :—

	Lucknow city.	*Lucknow cantonment.*	*Fyzabad cantonment.*
1879	4,337	401	120
1880	4,213	453	41

Ten suits were also decided by the Sub-Judge of Sitapur, who was specially invested with small cause court powers within the cantonment limits. The Fyzabad return is affected by the departure of troops for the war in Afghanistan, and the other fluctuations require no comment.

36. The aggregate value of property under litigation amounted to Rs. 1,47,798, of which the city court returns Rs. 1,30,991 ; and while the average value of each suit filed in the Lucknow cantonment rose from Rs. 27-4-0 to Rs. 34-2-0, it fell in the city court from Rs. 35-12-0 to Rs. 31-2-0. Suits of values exceeding Rs. 100 decreased in the latter court : out of 4,201 decided during the year no less than 2,870 were for claims not exceeding Rs. 20.

RETURN No. VII. Value and cost of litigation.

A slight increase appears in the percentages of costs to value. Pleaders' fees in suits below Rs. 100 were awarded by the city court in 39 cases, when the Officiating Judge considered that the defendants had been unnecessarily harassed by the plaintiffs. In the Lucknow cantonment court pleaders' fees were allowed below Rs. 100 in three suits instituted by mercantile firms, the value of the smallest having been Rs. 36, and the pleader's fee Re. 1-4-0. In this respect the courts seem to have acted with discretion.

37. Out of 4,841 suits for disposal only 131 were pending at the close of the year, and the oldest case was instituted on the 2nd November, 1880 ; these are satisfactory results. The average duration of cases has risen from about 15 to 18 days.

RETURN No. VIII. Trial of suits.

In Fyzabad, where work was almost nominal, there being only 41 cases owing to the idleness of Colonel Phaire the average was much too high, rising to 23 in uncontested and 15 in contested cases. In contested suits the Lucknow cantonment court took three days' less time, the city court two days more ; the contested cases in the former being 8 per cent. more than in the city, where the bulk (64 per cent.) of the cases were not contested. It is curious to note how often uncontested cases take longer to decide than contested, but many contested cases were fixed in cantonment for the earliest possible dates, when the regiments were leaving.

38. In noticing the very large falling off in the percentage of applications completely executed, which is entered in the 10th para. of his report, the Officiating Judge of the city court explains that "since the introduction of the amending Act XII. of 1879 the system of issue of attachments against salaries of officials and servants has so far changed that instead of separate applications and processes being issued each month, as was the practice before, the rule now is that one warrant suffices to be issued for continuous deductions being made monthly until satisfaction of the whole decree, and the number of applications is decreased ; while of simple notices under section 248 of the Civil Procedure Code, having the effect under the amended article of the Limitation Act XV. of 1877 of keeping a decree in force, which was not the case under the preceding Limitation Act, there have been more such applications, without, however, resulting in the immediate satisfaction of the decrees." And the Judge of the cantonment court, on the same subject, adds that verbal applications were constantly made for the arrest of defendants on the decision of cases, and these men as a rule at once paid up.

Execution of decrees.

39. Three thousand three hundred and seven witnesses were examined, of whom only 10 were detained beyond one day. I think that the return this year is sufficiently trustworthy.

Witnesses.

RENT COURTS.

40. Litigation under Act XIX. of 1868 increased in nine districts, but decreased in two districts of the Rae Bareli division and in Unao, the figures being as follows :—

RETURN No. VI. Suits instituted.

Fyzabad	... 4,295	+ 17 per cent.	Bara Banki	... 1,723	+ 4 per cent.
Gonda	... 3,330	+ 6 „	Rae Bareli	... 1,496	— 2 „
Sultanpur	... 3,089	— 8 „	Lucknow	... 1,332	+ 11 „
Hardoi	... 2,592	+ 7 „	Bahraich	... 1,330	+ 33 „
Unao	... 2,498	— 21 „	Kheri	... 792	+ 11 „
Partabgarh	... 2,194	+ 9 „	Sitapur	... 547	+ 11 „

41. In the distribution of business—

13 suits came before	Honorary Assistant Commissioners	as against	197	in	1879
12,934	ditto	Tahsildars	ditto	10,947	„
11,565	ditto	Assistant Commissioners and Extra Assistant Commissioner	ditto	12,766	„
716	ditto	Deputy Commissioners	ditto	883	„

the Deputy Commissioner of Sultanpur having taken up 235 and of Gonda 332. In reviewing the Judicial Commissioner's report for 1879 the Government expressed its concurrence in my *locum tenens*' view, that Tahsildars, having been relieved of civil work, should take up a larger number of petty rent suits, and the increase in their share is the consequent result. They had an increase of work as compared with 1879 in the eight districts noted in the margin. The convenience to the landlord and tenant of having their disputes about arrears of rent quickly settled and without leaving their own tahsíl is, as stated by the Deputy Commissioner, Fyzabad, unquestionable. And cases of ejectment should be principally taken up by officers at the sadr station, as the objections often involve reference to settlement files, where they are within easy access.

Lucknow	...	19 per cent.
Hardoi	...	3 „
Kheri	...	15 „
Fyzabad	...	54 „
Gonda	...	198 „
Bahraich	...	38 „
Sultanpur	...	48 „
Partabgarh	...	22 „

42. From the subjoined figures it will be seen that landlords filed 2,012 suits more, while under-proprietors and tenants instituted 1,225 less than in 1879; the fluctuation in the 3rd class is too small to call for further notice.

			1879.	1880.
I.—By a landlord—				
For arrears of rent	With patta	...	3,039	3,180
	Without patta...	...	9,575	11,328
Other suits		...	230	348
		Total	12,844	14,856
II.—By under-proprietors and tenants—				
To contest ejectment	With patta	...	1,542	1,631
	Without patta ...	...	7,265	6,177
Other suits		...	1,241	1,015
		Total	10,048	8,823
III.—By or against headmen, co-sharers, and rent-free holders ...		...	1,401	1,539
		Grand Total	24,293	25,218

Arrears of rent.

43. Suits for arrears of rent increased in every district but Unao and Rae Bareli, the largest number (2,347) having been instituted in the Fyzabad district, Sultanpur standing second with 1,811; while in Kheri there were 530, and only 336 in Sitapur. Where the failure of the kharíf harvest of 1879 was followed by a good rabi, landlords would naturally sue for their outstandings, whilst tenants would be unwilling to pay in full, save under compulsion.

Contesting ejectments.

44. I have expected for some years that the number of suits to contest notice of ejectment would rapidly diminish as the title in the holdings was judicially determined, and it may be that this cause has at last commenced to operate, for compared with 1879 these suits fell off in eight districts, the exception being Fyzabad, Bahraich, Rae Bareli, and Partabgarh. The decrease in Unao was very large, from 1,352 to 821; and the Deputy Commissioner attributes it to a good harvest, which enabled tenants to pay up punctually. Though other causes, such as private animosity, the desire to possess a tenant's land for a relative of the zemindar, do stimulate the issue of notices, yet the main object of the notices is to secure a better tenant or enhance the rent. In Gonda, the falling off from 1,798 to

1,527 is stated by the Deputy Commissioner to be the natural reaction from the increase in 1879, which was caused by the newly-prepared khasras disclosing the correct relations between tenants and landlords and leading to the issue of a large number of notices in that year.

Some officers think that there should be an extension of the time during which these objections should be filed, but I do not think that anything would be gained in altering the law. Procrastination is shown in every department—suits, appeals, and execution of decrees alike; and however long the time was extended, the great bulk of suits would be filed during the last days of the limitation allowed.

Distraint.

45. Applications for distraint decreased from 876 to 692 in the past two years, which may be accounted for by the failure of the kharíf from want of rain and the general absence of crops to distrain. But in Unao the Deputy Commissioner believes that the same cause led to the increase of applications; the Commissioner, however, adds that he might have tested this supposition. The Commissioner of Sitapur considers it remarkable that there should have been no distraints in the Sitapur district, where corn rents prevail, and that it looks as if landlords prefer to issue notice of ejectment. It is said, however, by the Deputy Commissioner of Fyzabad that "the intervention of the rent courts for the enforcement of distraint is practically never asked for, and there is no doubt that, the provisions of section 54 of the Rent Act to the contrary, tenants yield tacit obedience to the custom of the country, and where distress is made by the appointment of a sháhna on standing crops, the crops are not allowed to be reaped till the rent is paid or security is given for its payment. So far as I can make out from the records of some years, the system is precisely the same in every other district of the province, and it will probably remain so until some extraordinary provision is made for a special staff for the conduct of sales under section 59 at the harvest times. It is questionable whether that provision would be a benefit to the tenantry, and whether it is not best to let the law remain as it is—a dead letter." To which the Commissioner adds that "it is probable that a good deal of hardship is entailed on tenants by the employment of sháhnas, for they generally have to pay their wages. This is the rule in estates managed by the court of wards, encumbered estates officer, &c., &c., if I am not mistaken. That tenants do submit to such exactions is certain, but is that a justification? Sháhnas are often put on as a precautionary measure before rent is due. This cannot be right."

The great bulk of the distraints in the Bahraich district are reported by the Deputy Commissioner to be in tahsíl Kaisarganj, and the Commissioner points out that the large and steady increase of such cases indicates distress rather than contumacy amongst the tenants. I quote those remarks because this class of cases very seldom comes before me judicially, and I have no opportunity of forming an independent opinion on the subject.

Recovery of land under section 102, Rent Act.

46. The Deputy Commissioner of Kheri notices the decrease and paucity of applications under section 102 for possession of land of which applicant has been illegally dispossessed, and some officers remark on these provisions of the law. I think it is not desirable that resourse should generally be had to it. It is at the best a very clumsy provision, and the native mind cannot realize that no question of title is decided by the order passed.

Return No. VII. Value of litigation.

47. The value of claims decided in the year amounted to Rs. 8,23,335, being Rs. 570 more than in 1879; and from Provincial return No. VII., which gives the district details, it will be seen that the aggregate value of cases decided was highest in Fyzabad, Gonda, and Sultanpur, and lowest in Lucknow, Sitapur, and Kheri. But from the subjoined average value of suit in each district it will also be gathered that the bulk of the litigation in the Fyzabad district

was comparatively very petty, while in Sitapur petty suits were in the least proportion:—

Sitapur.	Bahraich. Partabgarh	Rae Bareli.	Bara Banki.	Kheri. Sultanpur.	Unao. Gonda.	Lucknow.	Hardoi.	Fyzabad.
Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
53	42	38	36	33	30	29	26	25

Mr. Woodburn, in noticing the petty character of the Fyzabad litigation, "regards it with the most painful concern. One-fourth of the whole number of cases brought in the rent courts were for sums below Rs. 5. If the increase in this division (class not exceeding Rs. 5), was in suits for arrears of rent, it means either the most reckless recourse to the courts by the landlords of the district, or an extraordinary poverty among the tenantry—a supposition which is scarcely countenanced by the success in the realization of the decrees. On the other hand, if the increase is in objections to notice of ejectment, as seems most likely, it indicates an interference by the landlord with the very poorest class of their tenantry."

Hardoi stands next to Fyzabad in the comparatively petty nature of the litigation, the average value of each suit being Rs. 26; and out of 2,534 suits decided 599 were for sums not exceeding Rs. 5. While in the whole province, 5,899 out of 25,425, or one-fourth the number of suits disposed of, were of this class; and 10,589 for sums above Rs. 5, but not exceeding Rs. 20. There was only one suit exceeding Rs. 5,000 (for Rs. 15,360), which was decided in the Partabgarh district.

Cost of litigation.

48. The cost of litigating Rs. 8,23,335 worth of property was Rs. 1,01,631, or 12 per cent, which is similar to the proportion in 1879; but there has been an increase in the cost of petty litigation during the past year, as indicated by the following percentages of cost to value:—

Not exceeding ...	Rs. 5.	Rs. 20.	Rs. 100.	Rs. 500.	Rs. 1,000.	Rs. 5,000.	Rs. 1,00,000.
1879	29	16	11	11	9	9	12
1880	31	17	12	11	10	9	11

and from the next set of statistics exhibiting the district percentages of aggregate cost to aggregate value, Hardoi, Rae Bareli, and Fyzabad compare very unfavorably with others:—

	Lucknow.	Unao.	Bara Banki.	Sitapur.	Hardoi.	Kheri.	Fyzabad.	Gonda.	Bahraich.	Rae Bareli.	Sultanpur.	Partabgarh.
1879	17	12	10	12	16	13	10	11	12	13	11	14
1880	12	11	12	11	16	12	13	12	11	15	11	12

Out of 24,144 suits decided, where the subject-matter was below Rs. 100 in value, pleaders' fees were allowed and taxed in only 304; Rae Bareli returning the largest number, 113, Bahraich only one, and Gonda none.

RETURN No. VIII. Suits decided.

49. There were 25,517 suits decided, being 207 more than the number instituted and 691 in excess of those disposed of in 1879. Fyzabad leads with 4,554 cases, Gonda and Sultanpur also returning over 3,000 each, while Sitapur and Kheri are at the other extreme with less than a thousand suits each.

Pending suits

50. Pending cases fell from 1,448 at the opening of the year to 1,241 at its close; the decrease was general, only in Unao, Hardoi, and Partabgarh were the pending files heavier. Business connected with the census is the cause assigned in the first district, while the Commissioner attributes bad distribution of business as the cause at Partabgarh; and from the

9th para. of the Deputy Commissioner's report this would seem to have been the cause at Hardoi also, from which the oldest pending suit, dated 31st January, 1881, has been returned. Gonda reports the next oldest, of the 20th February; but whereas there were 129 cases pending over four months at the close of 1879 in this district, only 12 such were undecided at the end of 1880; so that the Gonda courts have been successful in reducing arrears.

Duration of cases.

51. The provincial average duration of contested suits has risen from 33 to 34 days, while that of uncontested has fallen from 29 to 28 days. The district figures will be found in the 22nd and 24th columns of the Provincial return. Of these, the Fyzabad averages of 62 for uncontested and 63 for contested cases are most unsatisfactory. The Deputy Commissioner is amazed at the results, although he has traced the long duration to a few individual courts; and the Commissioner adds that it may be that the procedure was more regular and uniform, and if so, the increased duration is of no consequence. Most of the officers were also in camp at one time of the year.

Gonda also returns a comparatively high duration, but at the same time an improvement on 1879. The high duration returned by Sultanpur seems to have been due to a Tahsildar who fell ill, but failed to take leave at the proper time, and his arrears fell on other officers. Overburdening an Extra Assistant Commissioner with case-work caused an increased duration in the Hardoi district; while in that of Kheri a protracted epidemic of cholera and fever led to numerous adjournments.

52. As in 1879, 51·7 per cent. of the cases were decided on full trial in the presence of both parties, and the proportion contested in each district was as follows:—

Unao.	Gonda.	Bara Banki.	Sultanpur.	Fyzabad.	Lucknow.	Bahraich.	Hardoi.	Partabgarh.	Rae Bareli.	Sitapur.	Kheri.
63	62	53		52	50	48	46	45	44	41	40

Regarded provincially, there has not been any marked fluctuation in the incidence of trials, the actual results for the past two years being—

	1879.	1880.
Dismissed for default	3,107	2,717
Withdrawn and compromised	1,899	2,018
Decreed on confession	2,517	2,767
Decreed *ex parte*	3,360	3,771
Dismissed *ex parte*...	849	897
Decreed on contest ... For plaintiff	8,460	8,760
Decreed on contest ... „ defendant	4,387	4,434

Dismissals for default were most numerous (16 per cent.) in the Sitapur district, the Deputy Commissioner believing that cases were frequently settled out of court; while in the Rae Bareli district only 7 per cent. were so disposed of. Suits withdrawn and compromised preponderated in the Sitapur division, Kheri returning 19 per cent., Hardoi 15 per cent., and Sitapur 12 per cent.; only 5 per cent. were withdrawn and compromised in Unao, Fyzabad, and Gonda.

Of decrees on confession, Lucknow and Sitapur had the largest proportion—23 per cent.; but in Unao 9 per cent. and in Gonda only 4 per cent., of the claims were admitted in court. I do not like the large return of *ex-parte* decrees in the Fyzabad and Partabgarh courts, 20 per cent. of the suits having been thus decided; while Gonda and Bahraich return only 12 per cent., Sultanpur and Rae Bareli 16 and 17 per cent. respectively, and Sitapur only 6 per cent.

Most stringent orders have been issued for the courts to thoroughly satisfy themselves that defendants have been duly served with processes before *ex parte* decrees

are passed ; and without statistical details of the applications for rehearing, and of those admitted, blame can hardly be attached to individual officers. But the Fyzabad result is more unsatisfactory than Partabgarh, as the 20 per cent. is an increase of 5 per cent. on 1879, while in the latter district *ex parte* decrees decreased from 24 to 20 per cent. On the whole the returns show that the distribution of work was probably not well arranged in the Fyzabad district.

53. The year opened with 2,414 applications on the files ; 10,752 were preferred, being 1,335 less than in 1879, and it closed with 1,660 pending, of which 1,111 were in the Fyzabad, Gonda, and Sultanpur districts ; but the arrears in these three districts amounted to 1,806 at the beginning of the year, and the number of cases disposed of exceeded those filed ; moreover, the institutions of these three districts form a moiety of the provincial aggregate, so that the results have been fairly successful in all three, and particularly so in Fyzabad and Gonda, where the pending files were reduced from 1,529 to 858. The date of the oldest application pending at the close of 1879 was 26th September, 1873, and at the close of 1880, 25th February, 1877, both being of the Fyzabad district.

RETURN No X.
Execution of decrees.

54. The system recommended in the 45th para. of the report for 1879, and approved in the 14th para. of your review, of allowing Tahsildars to execute their own decrees as far as possible, had a fair trial and has produced good results. In Gonda one execution court at the Sadr station for the bulk of the cases was maintained as already stated, and the outturn of work was good. But, for some reason unknown, the proportion of decrees completely executed has been smallest in Gonda, the district percentages being—

Harjol.	Unao.	Fyzabad.	Sitapur.	Kheri.	Bahraich.	Sultanpur.	Partabgarh.	Rae Bareli.	Lucknow.	Bara Banki.	Gonda.
64	59	57	55		51			48		44	42

Infructuous applications have fallen off from 4,561 to 3,662, and I hope Deputy Commissioners and Commissioners will continue to watch closely those which are returned as struck off from causes other than the fault of decree-holders.

Coercive processes.

55. Of coercive process, it is only necessary to add that imprisonment of the person increased from 1,531 to 1,706 applications, Gonda returning the largest augmentation, from 57 to 452 ; most of the warrants having been taken out at the instance of Raja Kishen Dat Ram. Fyzabad, on the other hand, reports a decrease from 907 to 551.

Sales of immovable property also rose from 1,013 to 1,417 ; the increase is very marked in the four districts of Fyzabad, Gonda, Rae Bareli, and Sultanpur.

RETURN No. XIIA.
Witnesses.

56. Thirteen thousand six hundred and thirty-nine witnesses were examined, as against 12,800 in 1879 and 96·8 per cent were detained beyond one day, none being kept in attendance for more than four days. There is a general consensus of testimony as to the trustworthiness of this return, every officer being required to check the statistics of his own court. The Deputy Commissioner, Fyzabad, doubted the accuracy of his return and had 20 cases of each court examined ; the result being that the register was found incorrect in only one court where four witnesses were omitted, but the periods of detention reported are not affected thereby.

RETURN No. XIV.
Process fee fund.

57. The gross receipts amounted to Rs. 55,987-10-7, and a surplus of Rs. 15,662-8-4 accrued after accounting for all expenditure, including pension fund. Kheri is the only district from which a deficit (Re. 1-6-8) has been returned. The permanent staff of servers consisted of 254 peons in twelve districts.

During the year my *locum tenens* drew the attention of Commissioners to the income of their courts from process fees in 1879, as it had fallen short of the pay of the Naib Nazir on Rs. 15 a month in two out of the four courts, and he thought that, if the deficit continued, this official might have to be dispensed with. The only court in which the income has fallen short in 1880 is that of Sitapur; but, looking to the above-noted large provincial surplus, I do not recommend the reduction of the Nazir.

Sale commission fund.

58. Only Rs. 3,515-9-9 were received from sale commission fees, and the surplus, after meeting all expenditure and also deducting 25 per cent. for Nazir's allowance, amounted to Rs. 1,711-11-1. The large expenditure incurred in the Fyzabad district includes the unauthorized item sanctioned in G. O. No. 859, dated 26th November, 1880

59. The total surplus receipts accruing to Government during 1880 was in—

	Civil.			*Rent.*		
	Rs.	a	p.	Rs	a.	p.
I.—Process fee fund	16,197	13	10	15,662	8	4
II.—Sale commission fund	6,016	7	10	1 711	11	1
III.—Record fund (approximate for six months) ...	4,500	0	0	(Not known.)		
Total ...	27,614	5	8	17,374	3	5

which should allow of a considerable increase of expenditure on the administration of civil justice or a proportionate reduction of the fees charged.

Return No. IX. Appeals to Deputy Commissioners.

60. The appellate work of Deputy Commissioners continued to be light; 1,470 appeals were decided, giving an average of about 10 each a month; Fyzabad, Gonda, and Sultanpur had the largest share, about 20 cases each in the month; while Lucknow, Kheri, Bahraich, Rae Bareli, and Partabgarh had less than 10, Sitapur's share being only 11 appeals in the year. Having been relieved of civil court business, Deputy Commissioners were enabled to dispose of rent appeals more expeditiously, so the average duration of uncontested cases fell from 43 to 24 days, and of contested from 41 to 28 days. The oldest undecided case was filed on the 2nd September, 1880.

Commissioners' courts.

61. Appeals to the Commissioners of Fyzabad and Rae Bareli increased from 632 to 852, while at Lucknow and Sitapur they fell off from 373 to 328. Fyzabad had by far the heaviest, and Sitapur the lightest file. In the duration of both contested and uncontested appeals somewhat higher average is returned than in 1879.

Judicial Commissioner's court.

62. There were 221 special appeals preferred in the Judicial Commissioner's court, being 15 in excess of 1879; and miscellaneous appeals and applications increased from 13 to 46.

63. In conclusion, I have not thought it necessary in these annual reports to comment on the character, qualifications, or efficiency of the officers concerned in the judicial administration of the province. In respect to many the district reports will supply such information to the Government; but I would beg to bring to the favorable notice of the Lieutenant-Governor and Chief Commissioner the services of Mr. John S. Hannagan, the Registrar of this Court. His work has been very hard, and it has been ably and conscientiously got through; and I acknowledge with best thanks the cordial and valuable assistance which he has rendered throughout the year, and not least in the compilation of the annual reports.

I have the honor to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient servant,

WILLIAM C. CAPPER,

Judicial Commissioner.

APPENDIX.

IMPERIAL RETURN No. VI.

Statement showing the number and description of civil and rent suits instituted in the civil and rent courts of the Province of Oudh in the year 1880.

Class of tribunals.	Suits for money, distinguishing suits up to Rs. 500 cognizable by Small Cause Courts from other cases.															
	1		2		3		4		5		6		7		8		9	
	On written obligations.		*On unwritten obligations.*		*On account stated.*		*Money paid and received.*		*Goods sold.*		*Breach of contract not mentioned above*		*Rent not falling under the rent law.*		*Moveable property or value thereof.*		*Damages.*	
	Rs. 500 and under.	Above Rs. 500.	Rs. 500 and under.	Above Rs. 500.	Rs. 500 and under.	Above Rs. 500.	Rs. 500 and under.	Above Rs. 500.	Rs. 500 and under.	Above Rs. 500.	Rs. 500 and under.	Above Rs. 500.	Rs. 500 and under.	Above Rs. 500.	Rs. 500 and under.	Above Rs. 500.	Rs. 500 and under.	Above Rs. 500.
Small Cause	968	...	543	...	809	...	38	...	1,183	...	562	...	404	...	159	...	51	...
Honorary Assistant Commissioners	1,167	...	976	...	260	...	55	...	245	...	335	...	14	...	426	...	99	...
Tahsildars and Munsifs	7,484	...	3,463	...	1,587	...	567	...	969	...	1,013	...	161	7	3,013	...	913	...
Assistants and Extra Assistants ... European ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Assistants and Extra Assistants ... Native ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sub-Judges	3,594	337	1,613	10	702	30	280	19	478	6	536	28	126	2	1,275	21	498	10
Deputy Commissioners and District Judges ...	...	18	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	3	...	...
Total	13,213	355	6,595	10	3,358	30	940	20	2,875	6	2,446	30	707	9	4,873	24	1,561	10

IMPERIAL RETURN No. VI.

Statement showing the number and description of civil and rent suits instituted in the civil and rent courts of the Province of Oudh in the year 1880—(concluded).

Class of tribunals.	Suits under the rent law.								Other civil suits.												
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	Arrears of rent with or without ejectment or cancelment of lease.	Enhancement or abatement of rent.	Relating to distraint.	Damages for extortion or withholding receipts or on account of illegal distraint or other cause.	For pattas or kabuliats.	For ejectment or recovery of possession.	For recovery of money or accounts from agents.	All other suits under the rent law not included above.	For immoveable property.	For specific performance of contract.	To declare and establish rights for real property, including pre-emption, foreclosure, &c.	To declare and establish personal rights.	For an account.	Relating to religious endowments.	To set aside judgments, contracts, or obligations on the ground of fraud.	For dissolution of marriage.	For enforcement of matrimonial rights.	For partition.	Relating to shipping.	Relating to religion and caste.	Miscellaneous.
Small Cause	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Honorary Assistant Commissioners ...	12	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	73	12	3	6	5	1	3	...	33	2	...	9	...
Tahsildars and Munsifs	9,926	5	137	57	6	33	8	2,782	2,370	237	297	109	23	...	65	8	77	27	...	5	...
Assistants and Extra Assistants { European ...	1,870	19	252	71	9	127	19	2,060	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Assistants and Extra Assistants { Native ...	2,657	13	141	110	11	250	30	3,926	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sub-Judges	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,656	52	496	58	17	1	54	2	46	12	...	...	...
Deputy Commissioners and District Judges ...	33	2	4	8	1	2	...	666	30	1	8	2	...	...	3	1	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	14,498	39	504	246	27	412	58	9,434	4,129	302	804	175	45	2	125	11	156	41	...	14	...

IMPERIAL RETURN No. VII.

Statement showing the value of suits disposed of in the civil and rent courts of the Province Oudh in the year 1880.

Value of suits.	Class.	Number of suits disposed of.			Total value of suits.	These two columns are not required by Government for the Imperial Return No. VII.	
		Small Cause Courts.	Tahsildars, Munsifs, and Honorary Assistant Commissioners' Courts.	District Courts, viz., Assistants, Extra Assistants, Sub-Judges, Deputy Commissioners, and District Judges' Courts.		Total cost of suits.	Percentage of cost to value.
Civil.					Rs.	Rs.	
Not exceeding Rs. 5	I.	1,192	3,473	1,267	21,788	7,386	34
Ditto „ 20	II.	1,989	9,725	3,655	1,70,644	34,178	20
Ditto „ 100	III.	1,183	10,152	3,556	5,92,379	88,393	15
Ditto „ 500	IV.	310	2,645	1,101	7,97,082	1,05,191	13
Ditto „ 1,000	V.	...	...	543	3,85,200	50,294	13
Ditto „ 5,000	VI.	...	...	448	8,69,547	1,00,643	12
Ditto „ 10,000	VII.	...	...	63	4,71,039	41,598	9
Ditto „ 1,00,000	VIII.	...	...	48	11,75,081	62,673	5
Exceeding „ 1,00,000	IX	...	...	5	6,83,900	20,432	3
Total ...	...	4,674	25,995	10,686	51,66,720	5,10,983	10
Rent.							
Not exceeding Rs. 5	I.	...	3,191	2,708	18,532	5,766	31
Ditto „ 20	II.	...	6,336	4,253	1,18,517	19,686	17
Ditto „ 100	III.	...	3,329	4,327	3,06,466	36,378	12
Ditto „ 500	IV.	...	113	1,025	2,07,334	23,009	11
Ditto „ 1,000	V.	...	4	88	63,297	6,556	10
Ditto „ 5,000	VI.	...	2	48	93,829	8,540	9
Ditto „ 10,000	VII	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ditto „ 1,00,000	VIII.	...	...	1	15,360	1,696	11
Exceeding „ 1,00,000	IX.	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	...	...	12,975	12,450	8,23,335	1,01,631	12

Note.—Eight suits transferred; 250 rejected and returned, and 30, of which the value cannot be determined, are not included in this return, so the total number decided, as shown here, will not tally with the disposals entered in No. VIII.

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IMPERIAL RETURN No. VIII.

Statement showing the general results of the trial of civil and rent suits in the courts of original jurisdiction in the districts of the Province of Oudh in the year 1880.

Classes of Court.	Suits remaining from last year.	Instituted.	Received by transfer.	Total for disposal.	Transferred to other courts.	Plaints rejected or returned	Dismissed for default under section 110.	Withdrawn with leave under section 97.	Compromised, section 98.	Decreed on confession, section 144.	Decreed, *ex-parte*.	Dismissed, *ex-parte*.	Contested. Judgment for plaintiff in whole or in part.	Contested. Judgment for defendant.	Total disposed of.	Pending.	Over two months.	Over four months.	Average duration in days. Contested.	Average duration in days. Uncontested.	Referred to arbitration.	Remarks.
CIVIL.																						
Small Cause	103	4,738	...	4,841	...	36	265	19	278	1,328	1,053	20	1,162	549	4,710	131	1	...	19.	17.	1	
Honorary Assistant Commissioners...	114	3,728	...	3,842	...	4	639	165	529	1,006	303	45	700	311	3,701	141	28	9	27.	19.	14	
Munsifs	2,437	22,537	...	24,974	3	142	3,891	1,175	1,916	3,199	2,034	490	6,323	3,288	22,461	2,513	686	967	54.	32.	316	
Sub-Judges	1,540	12,063	...	13,603	1	102	1,630	556	955	1,513	991	205	3,187	1,578	10,748	2,855	481	497	68.	40.	129	
District Judges	24	68	3	95	4	2	...	1	1	1	...	...	34	16	59	36	8	18	192.	108.	2	
Total ...	(a)4,218	43,134	3	47,355	8	286	6,425	1,946	3,679	7,047	4,380	760	11,406	5,742	41,679	5,676	1,204	1,491	61.	35.	462	
RENT.																						
Honorary Assistant Commissioners ...	...	13	...	13	...	...	3	...	...	5	2	...	3	...	13	...	...	...	102.	22.	...	
Tahsildars	594	12,934	...	13,528	1	10	1,874	607	746	1,994	2,138	383	4,101	1,618	12,972	556	62	9	28.	22.	54	
Assistants and Extra Assistant Commissioners { European ...	382	4,440	...	4,822	...	13	488	89	146	242	634	160	1,668	999	4,429	393	24	20	33.	22.	3	
Assistants and Extra Assistant Commissioners { Native ...	463	7,204	...	7,667	...	66	642	150	269	512	962	297	2,731	1,548	7,377	290	76	11	43.	31.	27	
Deputy Commissioners	9	719	...	728	...	3	70	3	8	14	45	57	257	269	726	2	...	...	38.	27.	...	
Total ...	1,448	25,310	...	26,758	1	92	2,777	849	1,169	2,767	3,771	897	8,760	4,434	25,517	1,241	232	40	34.	26.	84	

(a) The difference of 29 cases as entered in 1879 has been shown among the rejected.

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IMPERIAL RETURN No. IX.

Statement showing the business of the civil and rent Appellate courts of the Province of Oudh in the year 1880.

Class of Court.	Cases on the file.				Struck off without trial.			Tried ex parte.				Decided on trial.										Remarks.
								In favor of appellant.				In favor of appellant.										
	Remaining from last year.	Instituted.	Received by transfer.	Total.	Rejected.	Transferred.	Dismissed.	In whole.	In part.	In favor of respondent.	Total.	In whole.	In part.	In favor of respondent.	Total.	Remanded for retrial.	Total disposed of.	Referred for further investigation.	Cases pending at the end of the year.	Average duration of each contested case.	Average duration of each uncontested case	
Civil.																						
District Judges ...	659	3379	28	4,066	43	24	155	21	6	35	62	493	272	1,937	2,702	258	3,244	247	822	79	79	
Judicial Commissioner ...	17	424	...	441	92	...	...	1	...	1	2	83	15	99	196	1	383	...	58	64	62	
Total ...	676	3803	28	4,507	135	24	155	22	6	36	64	575	287	2,036	2,898	259	3,627	247	880	71	70	
Rent.																						
Deputy Commissioners ...	117	1474	1	1,592	23	8	63	7	6	48	61	180	191	842	1,213	125	1,493	110	99	28	24	
Commissioners ...	31	1186	3	1,220	6	2	26	8	1	33	42	250	66	677	993	99	1,168	89	52	51	51	
Judicial Commissioner ...	37	327	...	364	106	...	2	...	1	...	1	27	3	59	89	1	305	...	59	64	45	
Total ...	185	2987	4	3,176	135	10	91	15	8	81	104	457	260	1,578	2,295	225	2,966	199	210	48	40	

IMPERIAL RETURN No. X.

Statement showing the execution of decrees of civil and rent courts in the Province of Oudh in the year 1880.

Class of Courts.	Applications to execute decrees.				Decrees completely executed.	Partially.	Pending at the end of the year.	Nature and number of coercive processes issued.					The figures of the undermentioned columns plus columns 6, 7, and 8 will tally with column 5 of this statement.		
									Movable property.		*Immovable property.*		*Applications in which there was no execution.*		
	Pending.	Filed.	Received by transfer.	Total.				Imprisonment of person.	Attached.	Sold.	Attached.	Sold.	Orders under section 245, Civil Procedure Code, and section 135, Rent Act.	From fault of decree-holder.	From other causes.	Transferred to other courts.
Civil.																
Small Cause	37	3,783	25	3,845	1,041	924	74	437	1,408	125	...	...	...	961	552	293
Honorary Assistant Commissioners	98	923	...	1,021	469	160	109	45	644	188	44	25	...	60	193	30
Munsifs	1,517	10,305	283	12,105	4,722	1,718	1,589	514	6,337	1,801	1,337	737	4	1,497	2,358	221
Sub-Judges	1,222	6,847	100	8,169	3,266	1,207	1,159	479	4,066	1,644	884	597	33	763	1,596	178
District Judges	36	118	...	154	38	15	51	9	28	10	33	8	2	8	32	3
Total ...	2,910	21,976	408	25,294	9,536	4,024	2,982	1,484	12,463	3,768	2,298	1,367	39	3,289	4,738	725
Rent.																
Honorary Assistant Commissioners	6	5	...	11	7	...	1	1	4	1	...	...	...	...	3	...
Tahsildars	358	4,345	...	4,703	2,467	546	490	367	3,176	1,033	412	266	2	448	775	57
Assistant and Extra Assistant Commissioners { European ...	248	1,306	3	1,557	644	262	252	264	1,272	439	272	151	11	120	273	6
Assistant and Extra Assistant Commissioners { Native ...	1,800	5,081	5	6,886	2,814	1,079	916	1,072	3,893	1,043	1,361	980	5	587	1,454	36
Deputy Commissioners	2	15	...	17	12	2	1	2	13	1	1	1	...	1	1	...
Total ...	2,414	10,752	8	13,174	5,884	1,889	1,660	1,746	8,358	2,517	2,046	1,417	18	1,156	2,506	79

PROVINCIAL RETURN No. VI.—Civil.

Showing the number and description of civil suits instituted in the courts of the Province of Oudh in the year 1880.

District Judges and Judges of Small Cause Courts.	SUITS FOR MONEY, DISTINGUISHING SUITS UP TO Rs. 500 COGNIZABLE BY SMALL CAUSE COURTS FROM OTHER CASES.																			
	On written obligations				On unwritten obligations.		On account stated.		Money paid and received.		Goods sold.		Breach of contract not mentioned above.		Rent not falling under the rent law.		Movable property or value thereof.		Damages.	
	Registered.		Unregistered.																	
	Rs. 500 and under.	Above Rs. 500.	Rs. 500 and under.	Above Rs. 500.	Rs. 500 and under.	Above Rs. 500.	Rs. 500 and under	Above Rs. 500.	Rs. 500 and under.	Above Rs. 500.	Rs. 500 and under.	Above Rs. 500.	Rs. 500 and under.	Above Rs. 500.	Rs. 500 and under.	Above Rs. 500.	Rs. 500 and under.	Above Rs. 500.	Rs. 500 and under.	Above Rs. 500.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
District Judge, Lucknow	663	64	1,840	24	1,182	2	882	15	231	11	276	5	418	18	71	2	1,170	16	375	3
Small Cause Court, City, ditto	137	...	757	...	486	...	752	...	24	...	1,015	...	485	...	363	...	148	...	46	...
Ditto, Cantonment, ditto	2	...	71	...	51	...	55	...	5	...	155	...	67	...	35	...	8	...	4	...
District Judge, Sitapur	679	88	2,407	7	2,122	3	466	2	192	5	294	...	426	3	78	...	1,466	6	253	1
Small Cause Court, Cantonment, ditto	...	...	...	...	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	3	...	...	...
District Judge, Fyzabad	343	60	3,045	16	2,041	3	469	11	357	4	1,028	1	762	6	112	7	1,094	1	549	5
Small Cause Court, Cantonment, ditto	...	...	1	...	4	...	1	...	9	...	13	...	10	...	2	...	...	...	1	...
District Judge, Rae Bareli	394	60	2,874	16	707	2	732	2	122	...	94	...	278	3	42	...	990	1	333	1
Total ...	2,218	292	10,995	63	6,595	10	3,358	30	940	20	2,875	6	2,446	30	707	9	4,873	24	1,561	10

PROVINCIAL RETURN No. VI.—CIVIL.—(continued.)

Showing the number and description of civil suits instituted in the courts of the Province of Oudh in the year 1880—(continued).

Districts Judges and Judges of Small Cause Courts.	*Other suits.*													*Miscellaneous civil applications.*						
	Suits for immovable property.	Suits for specific performance of contract.	Suits to declare and establish personal rights to real property, including pre-emption.	Suits to declare and establish personal right.	Suits for an account.	Suits relating to religious endowments.	Suits to set aside judgment, contract, or obligation on the ground of fraud.	Suits for dissolution of marriage.	Suits for enforcement of matrimonial rights.	Suits for partition.	Suits relating to shipping.	Suits relating to religion and caste.	Total.	Claims preferred, sections 238, 332, 346, and 280, Act X. of 1877.	Applications to sue as pauper.	Application to administer estate of deceased and incapable persons.	Cases instituted under section 525, Act X. of 1877.	Cases instituted under section 526, Act X. of 1877.	Other applications.	Total.
1	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41
District Judge, Lucknow ...	1,020	85	149	75	11	1	22	2	40	7	...	4	8,704	887	(a) 98	289	...	...	420	1,674
Small Cause Court, City, ditto ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4,213	112	4	...	...	...	367	483
Ditto, Cantonment, ditto ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	453	2	...	...	...	...	13	15
District Judge, Sitapur ...	569	54	65	25	11	...	25	2	23	12	...	10	9,288	434	(b) 70	49	...	2	286	841
Small Cause Court, Cantt., ditto	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
District Judge, Fyzabad ...	1,154	150	392	23	11	1	39	3	78	10	...	...	11,775	392	(c) 46	5	2	1	493	939
Small Cause Court, Cantt., ditto	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	41	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
District Judge, Rae Bareli ...	1,386	13	198	52	12	...	39	4	15	12	...	...	8,382	573	(d) 52	122	4	3	608	1,362
Total ...	4,129	302	804	175	45	2	125	11	156	41	...	14	42,866	2,400	270	445	6	6	2,187	5,314

(a) Out of which 21 were admitted.
(b) Ditto 13 ditto.
(c) Ditto 6 ditto.
(d) Ditto 2 ditto.

PROVINCIAL RETURN No. VI.—RENT.

Showing the number and description of rent suits instituted in the courts of the Province of Oudh in the year 1880—(concluded).

Districts.	*Suits under the rent law.*								*Miscellaneous rent applications.*				
	Arrears of rent with or without ejectment or cancelment of lease.	Enhancement or abatement of rent.	Relating to distraint.	Damages for extortion or withholding receipt on account of illegal distraint or other causes	For pattas or kabuliats.	For ejectment or recovery of possession.	For recovery of money or accounts from agents.	All other suits under the rent law not included above.	Total.	Application for compensation, section 29, Rent Act.	Application for distraint, sections 55, 57, and 81, Rent Act.	Applications under sections 14, 15, 25, 30, 45 and 102, Rent Act.	Other applications, such as applications for rehearing of judgment and objections to execution of rent decrees.	Total.
1	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55
Lucknow	863	...	4	6	7	16	11	425	1,332	10	81	72	26	189
Unao	1,151	2	11	14	...	42	1	1,277	2,498	44	114	521	100	779
Bara Banki	1,053	2	24	21	3	19	4	597	1,723	17	155	213	38	423
Sitapur	326	1	...	8	1	23	...	188	547	...	...	96	5	101
Hardoi	1,374	3	22	20	3	146	18	1,006	2,592	17	68	443	547	1,075
Kheri	530	2	3	27	1	10	5	214	792	...	3	124	65	192
Fyzabad	2,347	3	163	16	1	41	2	1,722	4,295	34	21	1,590	618	2,263
Gonda	1,626	2	19	28	...	18	7	1,625	3,330	22	58	406	68	554
Bahraich	993	6	4	37	5	20	3	262	1,330	11	148	916	40	1,115
Rae Bareli	1,047	4	5	9	5	25	1	400	1,496	38	10	514	255	817
Sultánpur	1,811	7	216	21	1	40	2	991	3,089	43	27	909	742	1,721
Partabgarh	1,377	...	33	39	...	12	4	728	2,194	63	7	333	604	997
Total ...	14,498	39	504	246	27	412	58	9,434	25,218	299	692	6,127	3,108	10,226

PROVINCIAL RETURN No. VII.—CIVIL.

Showing the number, value and costs of suits disposed of in the civil courts of the districts of the Province of Oudh in the year 1880.

Courts.	Cases.										Value.				
	Not exceeding Rs. 5.	Not exceeding Rs. 20.	Not exceeding Rs. 100.	Not exceeding Rs. 500.	Not exceeding Rs. 1,000.	Not exceeding Rs. 5,000.	Not exceeding Rs. 10,000	Not exceeding Rs. 1,00,000	Exceeding Rs. 1,00,000	Total.	Not exceeding Rs. 5.	Not exceeding Rs. 20.	Not exceeding Rs. 100.	Not exceeding Rs 500.	Not exceeding Rs. 1,000.
											Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Lucknow District Judge ...	1,076	2,942	3,268	939	115	175	33	17	4	8,639	4,002	36,170	1,42,100	1,97,014	1,38,875
Ditto Small Cause Court ...	1,089	1,801	1,057	274	...	...	...	...	...	4,201	3,645	20,439	44,901	63,006	...
Ditto Cantonment ditto ...	113	169	111	30	...	...	...	...	...	423	371	1,968	4,699	7,398	...
Sitapur District Judge ...	1,127	3,439	3,495	981	114	111	14	13	...	9,204	4,978	42,819	1,34,038	1,62,804	79,264
Ditto Small Cause Court ...	1	5	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	5	79	198	...	...
Fyzabad District Judge ...	1,615	4,172	3,776	890	100	65	9	10	1	10,638	6,099	51,369	1,62,425	1,80,055	68,995
Ditto Small Cause Court ...	9	14	11	6	...	...	...	...	...	40	34	254	551	1,250	...
Rae Bareli District Judge ...	922	2,827	3,259	936	144	97	7	8	...	8,200	3,555	35,545	1,43,967	1,86,556	98,126
TOTAL ...	5,932	15,369	14,891	4,056	543	448	63	48	5	41,355	21,789	1,88,643	6,32,879	7,97,083	3,85,260

PROVINCIAL RETURN No. VII.—Civil.

Showing the number, value and costs of suits disposed of in the civil courts of the districts of the Province of Oudh in the year 1880—(concluded).

Courts.	Value.					Cost.								
	Not exceeding Rs. 5,000.	Not exceeding Rs 10,000	Not exceeding Rs. 1,00,000.	Exceeding Rs. 1,00,000	Total.	Not exceeding Rs. 5.	Not exceeding Rs. 20.	Not exceeding Rs. 100.	Not exceeding Rs. 500.	Not exceeding Rs. 1,000.	Not exceeding Rs. 5,000.	Not exceeding Rs. 10,000.	Not exceeding Rs. 1,00,000.	Exceeding Rs. 1,00,000.	Total.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Lucknow District Judge ...	3,27,971	2,15,739	3,58,715	4,65,946	18,86,522	1,617	7,608	21,389	28,481	20,177	44,789	24,417	25,327	16,172	1,89,977
Ditto Small Cause Court ...	...	...	...	...	1,30,991	923	2,867	4,342	6,405	...	...	...	...	...	14,537
Ditto Cantonment ditto ...	...	...	...	...	14,436	83	270	481	813	...	...	...	...	...	1,647
Sitapur District Judge ...	2,18,199	91,642	1,87,310	...	9,20,154	1,365	3,020	20,900	23,373	10,581	22,860	7,917	14,782	...	1,09,798
Ditto Small Cause Court ...	...	...	...	...	282	1	13	24	...	...	...	...	...	...	38
Fyzabad District Judge ...	1,41,492	54,896	3,37,658	2,17,954	12,20,443	1,792	8,499	20,495	20,449	8,113	15,291	5,910	16,174	4,260	1,00,983
Ditto Small Cause Court ...	...	...	...	...	2,089	6	24	55	196	...	...	...	...	...	281
Rae Bareli District Judge ...	1,31,886	50,770	2,91,398	...	9,91,803	1,599	6,872	20,707	25,474	11,423	17,703	3,354	6,590	...	93,722
Total ...	8,69,548	4,12,537	11,75,081	6,83,900	51,66,720	7,386	34,173	88,393	1,05,191	50,294	1,00,643	41,598	62,873	20,432	5,10,983

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PROVINCIAL RETURN No. VII.—RENT.

Showing the number, value and costs of suits disposed of in the rent courts of the districts of the Province of Oudh in the year 1880.

Districts,	Cases.										Value.				
	Not exceeding Rs. 5.	Not exceeding Rs. 20.	Not exceeding Rs. 100.	Not exceeding Rs. 500.	Not exceeding Rs. 1,000.	Not exceeding Rs. 5,000.	Not exceeding Rs. 10,000.	Not exceeding Rs. 1,00,000.	Exceeding Rs. 1,00,000.	Total.	Not exceeding Rs. 5.	Not exceeding Rs. 20.	Not exceeding Rs. 100.	Not exceeding Rs. 500.	Not exceeding Rs. 1,000
											Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Lucknow	325	573	390	44	5	1	...	...	...	1,340	1,102	6,406	16,638	8,939	3,597
Unao	534	1,062	739	123	3	1	...	...	...	2,462	1,694	11,675	33,685	24,305	1,730
Bara Banki	360	751	493	85	8	4	...	...	...	1,721	1,377	7,905	18,460	19,538	8,115
Sitapur	85	210	184	33	9	3	...	...	...	524	319	2,531	7,288	7,114	5,990
Hardoi	599	1,147	690	97	6	1	...	...	...	2,534	1,938	12,647	27,752	17,755	3,551
Kheri	190	327	231	47	6	1	...	...	...	792	612	3,813	8,747	7,827	3 984
Fyzabad	1,100	1,858	1,407	168	13	8	...	...	...	4.554	3,357	20,620	53,913	23,326	10 057
Gonda	907	1,354	1,089	169	5	3	...	...	...	3,527	2,672	15,429	48.417	27,319	3,934
Bahraich...	276	566	402	78	11	6	...	...	...	1,339	878	6,629	15,885	15,316	7,006
Rae Bareli	282	598	561	72	4	6	...	...	...	1,523	911	6,711	19,002	12,883	2,707
Sultánpur	852	1,333	811	129	11	12	...	...	...	3,148	2.528	15,120	30,569	26,118	7,143
Partabgarh	369	816	569	91	11	4	...	1	...	1,961	1,144	9,231	26,110	16,994	8,483
TOTAL ...	5,899	10,589	7,656	1,138	92	50	...	1	...	25,425	18,532	1,18,517	3,06,466	2,07,334	63,297

PROVINCIAL RETURN No. VII.—RENT.

Showing the number, value and costs of suits disposed of in the rent courts of the districts of the Province of Oudh in the year 1880—(concluded).

Districts.	Value.					Cost.								
	Not exceeding Rs. 5,000.	Not exceeding Rs. 10,000.	Not exceeding Rs. 1,00,000.	Exceeding Rs. 1,00,000.	Total.	Not exceeding Rs. 5.	Not exceeding Rs. 20.	Not exceeding Rs. 100.	Not exceeding Rs. 500.	Not exceeding Rs. 1,000.	Not exceeding Rs. 5,000.	Not exceeding Rs. 10,000.	Not exceeding Rs. 1,00,000.	Exceeding Rs. 1,00,000.	Total.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Lucknow	2,348	...	...	...	39,030	313	1,006	1,332	1,090	430	264	...	...	...	4,435
Unao	1,879	...	...	...	74,988	439	1,703	3,111	2,568	190	215	...	...	...	8,226
Bara Banki	9,415	...	...	...	61,810	338	1,188	2,749	1,896	554	990	...	...	...	7,705
Sitapur	4,261	...	...	...	27,503	84	430	661	669	484	543	...	...	...	3,071
Hardoi	1,149	...	...	...	64,792	740	2,508	4,105	2,382	487	235	...	...	...	10,459
Kheri	1,048	...	...	...	25,831	173	559	908	1,061	357	83	...	...	...	3,141
Fyzabad	13,538	...	...	...	1,24,811	1,033	3,365	6,236	2,799	1,219	1,016	...	...	...	15,668
Gonda	7,663	...	...	...	1,05,334	815	2,414	4,920	2,943	348	723	...	...	...	12,163
Bahraich	10,236	...	...	...	55,950	274	1,065	1,824	1,466	659	938	...	...	...	6,226
Rae Bareli	14,716	...	...	...	56,920	362	1,190	3,074	1,652	410	1,616	...	...	...	8,304
Sultanpur	22,426	...	...	...	1,03,904	709	2,413	3,569	2,476	597	1,532	...	...	...	11,296
Partabgarh	5,150	...	15,360	...	82,482	496	1,845	3,289	2,007	821	385	...	1,696	...	10,539
TOTAL ...	93,829	...	15,360	...	8,23,335	5,766	19,686	36,378	23,009	6,556	8,540	...	1,696	...	1,01,631

PROVINCIAL RETURN No. VIII.—Civil.

Showing the general results of civil suits in the courts of original jurisdiction in the districts of the Province of Oudh during the year 1880.

District Judges and Judges, Small Cause Courts.	Remaining from last year.	Plaints preferred.			Received by transfer under sections 13 and 14, Act XXXII. of 1871 or section 6, Act VIII. of 1869.	Total for disposal.	Transferred to other Courts.	Disposed of without decree.			Decree passed without contest.			Decree passed with contest.		Total disposed of.
		Rejected or returned.		Admitted under section 38.				Dismissed for default.	Withdrawn with leave under section 97.	Compromised, section 98.	On confession, section 144.	Decreed *ex-parte*, section 111.	Dismissed, *ex-parte*, section 114.	In favor of plaintiff.	In favor of defendant.	
		Under sections 29, 31, 32, and 37, Act VIII. of 1859.	Under sections 30 and 35, Act VIII. of 1859.													
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Lucknow	530	24	38	8,701	3	9,334	...	1,382	46	958	1,432	548	138	2,640	1,495	8,639
Small Cause Court, City, Lucknow ...	97	16	5	4,213	...	4,310	...	229	17	247	1,211	970	19	1,008	500	4,201
Ditto, Cantonment, Lucknow,	6	...	15	438	...	444	...	28	1	31	108	73	1	140	41	423
Sitapur	599	71	14	9,288	...	9,887	3	1,771	988	763	1,349	974	125	2,309	925	9,207
Small Cause Court, Cantonment, Sitapur ...	...	...	...	10	...	10	...	...	...	...	2	3	...	3	2	10
Fyzabad	2,162	44	12	11,775	...	13,937	5	1,805	328	1,158	1,546	860	362	2,990	1,589	10,643
Small Cause Court, Cantonment, Fyzabad ..	...	...	...	41	...	41	...	8	1	...	7	7	...	11	6	40
Rae Bareli	824	40	7	8,382	...	9,206	...	1,202	565	522	1,392	945	115	2,305	1,184	8,230
Total ...	4,218	195	91	42,848	3	47,069	8	6,425	1,946	3,679	7,047	4,380	760	11,406	5,742	(a)41,393

(a) Exclusive of rejected and returned.

PROVINCIAL RETURN No. VIII.—Civil.

Showing the general results of civil suits in the courts of original jurisdiction in the districts of the Province of Oudh in the year 1880—(concluded).

District Judges and Judges, Small Cause Courts.	Pending.			Duration.				Reference under section 354.					Referred to arbitration under Chapter VI, Civil Procedure Code.	Readmitted under section 119 or received on remand under section 351, Civil Procedure Code.	Review granted under section 376.	Date of oldest pending suit.
				Uncontested.		Contested.										
	Total.	Over two months.	Over four months.	Total number of days from date of institution to date of decision.	Average number of days.	Total number of days from date of institution to date of decision.	Average number of days.	Pending at close of last year.	Received during present year.	Total.	Returned to appellate court during present year	Pending at close of present year.				
1	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33
Lucknow	595	80	55	1,00,309	22·	1,72,750	42·	19	62	81	71	10	150	169	68	25th August, 1879.
Small Cause Court, City, Lucknow ...	109	...	...	26,511	10·	18,550	12·	...	...	...	...	...	1	45	13	2nd November, 1880.
Ditto Cantonment, Lucknow ...	21	...	...	2,543	11·	1,781	10·	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	7th December, 1880.
Sitapur	680	65	26	1,57,368	26·	1,59,766	49·	18	74	93	83	10	68	280	74	13th August, 1879.
Small Cause Court, Cantonment, Sitapur ..	...	...	...	169	34·	162	32·	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Fyzabad	2,294	906	1,303	3,40,091	56·	4,32,133	94·	38	118	151	143	8	137	400	64	26th September, 1878.
Small Cause Court, Cantonment, Fyzabad	1	1	...	557	23	257	15·	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	21st December, 1880.
Rae Bareli	976	152	107	1,62,709	34	2,04,258	59·	6	48	54	49	5	107	171	22	15th March, 1880.
Total ...	5,676	1,204	1,491	7,90,207	35·	9,89,657	61·	75	302	379	346	33	463	1,065	243	26th September, 1878.

PROVINCIAL RETURN No. VIII.—RENT.

Showing the general results of rent suits in the courts of original jurisdiction in the districts of the Province of Oudh in the year 1880.

Districts.	Remaining from last year.	Plaints preferred.			Received by transfer under sections 13 and 14, Act XXXII. of 1871, or section 6, Act VIII. of 1859.	Total for disposal.	Transferred to other Courts.	Disposed of without decree.			Decree passed without contest.			Decree passed with contest.		Total disposed of.
		Rejected or returned		Admitted under section 38.				Dismissed for default.	Withdrawn with leave under section 97.	Compromised, section 98.	On confession, section 144.	Decreed, *ex-parte*, section 111.	Dismissed, *ex-parte*, section 114.	In favor of plaintiff.	In favor of defendant.	
		Under sections 29, 32 and 37, Act VIII. of 1859.	Under sections 30 and 33, Act VIII. of 1859													
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Lucknow	41	4	1	1,332	...	1,373	...	128	28	78	307	136	1	506	161	1,340
Unao	47	1	2	2,498	...	2,545	...	282	49	61	214	238	50	1,093	475	2,462
Bara Banki ...	43	12	2	1,723	...	1,766	...	195	81	42	206	246	38	684	230	1,721
Sitapur	5	...	...	547	...	552	...	85	19	45	121	30	10	126	88	524
Hardoi	50	...	...	2,592	...	2,642	...	274	196	191	290	345	78	804	256	2,534
Kheri	10	2	...	792	...	802	...	102	61	91	81	104	26	221	106	793
Fyzabad	402	4	...	4,295	...	4,697	...	489	40	207	355	931	258	1,353	921	4,5·4
Gonda	375	6	...	3,330	...	3,705	...	413	94	85	150	422	174	1,330	859	3 527
Bahraich	38	5	...	1,350	...	1,388	...	175	54	74	182	160	43	473	178	1,339
Rae Bareli	61	2	...	1,496	...	1,557	1	110	69	90	284	260	42	488	300	1,523
Sultanpur	313	4	...	3,089	...	3,402	...	327	89	111	321	504	122	1,073	601	3,148
Partabgarh ...	68	47	...	2,194	...	2,257	...	202	70	94	257	395	55	629	259	1,961
Total ...	1,448	87	5	25,218	...	26,666	1	2,777	849	1,169	2,767	3,771	897	8,760	4,434	(a)25,425

(a) Exclusive of 92 rejected and returned

PROVINCIAL RETURN No. VIII.—RENT.

Showing the general results of rent suits in the courts of original jurisdiction in the districts of the Province of Oudh in the year 1880 —(concluded).

Districts.	Pending			Average duration.				References under section 354.					Referred to arbitration under Chapter VI., Civil Procedure Code.	Readmitted under section 119 or received on remand under section 351, Civil Procedure Code.	Review granted under section 376.	Date of oldest pending suit.
				Uncontested.		Contested										
	Total.	Over two months	Over four months.	Total number of days from date of institution to date of decision	Average number of days.	Total number of days from date of institution to date of decision	Average number of days	Pending at close of last year	Received during present year	Total	Returned to appellate court during present year.	Pending at close of present year.				
	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33
Lucknow	33	3	...	10,406	15	14,649	22	1	3	4	3	1	6	5	26	25th October, 1880.
Unao	83	22	1	18,215	18	39 599	25	...	13	13	10	3	22	29	10	28th July, 1880.
Bara Banki	45	2	.	16,628	21	25,251	28	...	18	18	15	3	3	39	23	16th September, 1880.
Sitapur ...	28	9	2	7,093	24	6,542	31	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	24th June, 1880
Hardoi	108	12	...	33,430	24	39,910	34	4	25	29	26	3	12	46	25	31st January, 1880.
Kheri	10		...	10 219	22	9,452	29	...	2	2	2	...	1	38	3	3rd December, 1880.
Fyzabad	143	32	5	151 366	62	124,607	63	1	14	15	14	1	...	187	28	5th May, 1880.
Gonda	178	24	12	54,618	41	92,264	42	3	12	15	14	1	11	68	13	20th February, 1880.
Bahraich	29	1	.	14,793	22	18,004	28	...	4	4	3	1	5	50	9	25th October, 1880
Rae Bareli	34	3	.	17,6?3	21	20,783	31	3	25	28	26	2	4	35	15	22nd October, 1880.
Sultanpur	254	21	6	61,758	42	84,304	50		46	46	43	3	7	57	19	11th September, 1880
Partabgarh	296	103	14	25,359	24	32,332	36	7	23	30	29	1	13	67	17	12th June, 1880
Total .	1,241	232	40	419,438	28	507,707	34	19	195	204	185	19	84	612	190	

PROVINCIAL RETURN No. IX.

Showing the business of the Commissioners' and District Judges' courts on their appellate side for the year 1880.

Divisions.	Appeals on the file.					Struck off without trial.		Tried ex-parte by reason of non-appearance of respondent.				Decided on trial.					Total disposed of.	Pending at end of the year.	Duration of appeals disposed of.				Objections.		References made.	Readmissions.	Reviews granted.	Date of oldest pending appeal.
		Preferred.						In favor of appellant.				In favor of appellant.							Uncontested.		Contested.							
	Remaining from last year.	Rejected.	Admitted.	Received by transfer.	Total.	Transferred.	Dismissed for default.	In whole.	In part.	In favor of respondent.	Total.	In whole.	In part.	In favor of respondent.	Total.	Remanded.			Total number of days from institution of appeal to date of decision.	Average.	Total number of days from institution of appeal to date of decision.	Average.	Made.	Allowed.				Date of oldest pending appeal.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Rent.																												
Commissioner, Lucknow,	6	1	207	...	213	...	10	...	...	...	...	47	14	115	176	10	196	17	793	79·	8,856	48·	1	...	16	1	...	17th July, 1880.
Ditto, Sitapur ...	8	3	121	...	129	2	...	...	...	...	...	30	5	85	120	4	126	3	67	34·	5,771	47·	...	...	18	...	...	21st December, 1880.
Ditto, Fyzabad,	1	...	561	3	565	...	4	8	...	27	35	197	38	306	451	65	555	10	1,539	39·	19,761	38·	10	...	15	1	1	31st August, 1880.
Ditto, Rae Bareli	16	2	291	...	307	...	12	...	1	6	7	66	9	171	246	20	285	22	962	51·	19,352	73·	...	...	40	...	...	2nd July, 1880.
Total ...	31	6	1,180	3	1,214	2	26	8	1	33	42	250	66	677	993	99	1,162	52	3,361	51·	53,740	51·	11	...	89	2	1	
Civil.																												
District Judge, Lucknow,	81	20	776	4	861	21	31	3	1	5	9	128	64	440	632	44	737	124	2,607	65·	33,015	49·	...	...	62	3	...	12th August, 1880.
Ditto, Sitapur ...	91	...	771	11	873	3	37	9	2	11	22	148	89	424	661	77	800	73	2,244	38·	33,761	46·	8	8	12	17	30	13th March, 1880.
Ditto, Fyzabad,	227	6	1,031	2	1,260	...	57	9	3	19	31	177	73	613	863	82	1,033	227	7,263	83·	77,832	90·	10	5	121	31	10	27th July, 1880.
Ditto, Rae Bareli,	260	17	758	11	1,039	...	80	...	...	...	...	40	46	460	546	55	631	398	3,928	131·	80,643	134·	9	4	52	8	...	22nd September, 1879
Total ...	659	43	3,336	28	4,023	24	155	21	6	35	62	493	272	1,937	2,702	258	3,201	822	16,042	79·	2,25,251	79·	27	17	247	59	40	

PROVINCIAL RETURN No. IX.A.—Rent.

Statement showing the business of the rent appellate courts of the districts of the Province of Oudh in the year 1880.

Deputy Commissioners.	Appeals on the file.					Struck off without trial.		Tried ex-parte by reason of non-appearance of respondent.				Decided on trial.					Total disposed of.	Pending at end of year.	Duration of appeals disposed of.				Objections.		References made.	Readmissions.	Reviews granted.	Remarks. Date of oldest pending appeals.
		Preferred.						In favor of appellant.				In favor of appellant.							Uncontested.		Contested.							
	Remaining from last year.	Rejected.	Admitted.	Received by transfer.	Total.	Transferred.	Dismissed for default.	In whole.	In part.	In favor of respondent.	Total.	In whole.	In part.	In favor of respondent.	Total.	Remanded.			Total number of days from institution of appeal to date of decision.	Average.	Total number of days from institution of appeal to date of decision.	Average.	Made.	Allowed.				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Lucknow	4	2	56	..	60	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	8	35	52	3	55	5	...	...	1,491	27·	...	...	...	...	...	1st October, 1880.
Unao	11	2	136	...	147	...	14	3	2	5	10	15	32	50	97	15	136	11	1,018	42·	4,638	41·	...	...	13	5	1	21st ditto.
Bara Banki ...	8	1	198	..	206	...	6	...	1	...	1	45	15	115	175	12	194	12	121	17·	3,413	18·	...	...	16	...	...	27th September, 1880.
Sitapur	...	...	11	...	11	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	8	10	1	11	...	...	...	346	31·	...	...	...	...	...	
Hardoi	11	...	141	...	152	1	..	...	...	...	...	16	24	90	130	2	133	19	...	...	4,060	31·	...	...	25	...	...	24th ditto.
Kheri	2	3	47	...	49	...	...	..	1	...	1	2	9	29	40	5	46	3	21	11·	619	14·	...	...	1	..	...	29th November, 1880.
Fyzabad	9	5	257	...	266	4	12	2	...	..	2	37	38	133	208	33	259	7	364	26·	5,364	22·	...	...	..	9	2	1st ditto.
Gonda	29	6	198	1	228	3	4	...	...	...	...	18	28	150	196	16	219	9	92	23·	5,191	24·	...	...	6	9	...	2nd September, 1880.
Bahraich	...	...	55	...	55	...	1	...	...	38	38	5	6	2	13	2	54	1	426	11·	653	48·	...	...	...	...	3	4th December, 1880.
Rae Bareli	3	2	83	...	86	...	2	...	...	...	...	10	17	39	66	4	73	14	43	22·	2,282	33·	...	..	15	1	...	28th October, 1880.
Sultanpur	37	2	207	...	244	...	19	...	2	3	5	18	12	158	188	18	230	14	843	35·	6,856	33·	...	...	29	1	1	30th September, 1880.
Partabgarh. ...	3	...	62	...	65	..	5	2	...	2	4	3	2	33	38	14	61	4	222	25	1,216	23	...	...	5	3	2	18th December, 1880.
Total ...	117	23	1,451	1	1,569	8	63	7	6	48	61	180	191	842	1,213	125	1,470	99	3,150	24	36,129	28·	...	...	110	28	9	

PROVINCIAL RETURN No. IX B.

Showing the general results of civil appeals to the Judicial Commissioner of Oudh for the year ending 31st December, 1880.

Class of court from orders of which appeals were instituted.	Appeals on the file.				Struck off without trial.			Tried ex-parte by reason of non-appearance of respondent				Decided on trial.						Duration of appeals disposed of.				Objections.				Remarks.
								In favor of appellant.		In favor of respondent		In favor of appellant.						Uncontested.		Contested.						Date of oldest pending appeal.
	Remaining from last year.	Preferred.	Received by transfer under section 16, Act XXXII. of 1871, or section 6, Act VIII. of 1869.	Total.	Rejected.	Transferred.	Dismissed for default.	In whole.	In part.	In favor of respondent	Total.	In whole.	In part	In favor of respondent.	Total.	Remanded under section 562	Total disposed of.	Total number of days from institution of appeal to date of decision.	Average.	Total number of days from institution of appeal to date of decision.	Average.	Made.	Allowed.	References made under section 566.	Readmissions.	Reviews granted.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Regular Appeals.																												
District Judge, Lucknow...	...	27	...	27	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	2	6	17	...	22	5	...	...	1,135	...	...	...	...	...	...	There were also five divorce suits under Act IV. of 1869 instituted and decided during the year.
Ditto, Fyzabad ...	1	7	...	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	3	...	5	...	5	3	...	...	363	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Ditto, Sitapur ...	...	9	...	9	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	1	1	5	...	6	3	...	...	356	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Ditto, Rae Bareli,	1	1	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	2	...	2	...	...	...	113	...	1	...	...	...	...	
Total ...	2	44	...	46	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	15	6	8	29	...	35	11	...	...	1,967	67	1	...	...	...	...	
Second Appeals.																												
District Judge, Lucknow...	2	69	...	71	19	...	...	...	...	...	...	17	...	21	38	...	57	14	...	...	2,540	...	1	1	...	...	1	
Ditto, Fyzabad ...	7	118	...	125	46	...	...	...	...	...	...	21	7	39	67	...	113	12	...	...	4,533	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Ditto, Sitapur ...	3	71	...	74	16	...	...	1	...	(a)1	2	25	...	14	39	...	57	17	124	...	2,537	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Ditto, Rae Bareli,	3	30	...	33	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	2	17	23	1	29	4	...	...	971	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Total ...	15	288	...	303	86	...	...	1	...	1	2	67	9	91	167	1	256	47	124	62	10,581	62	1	1	...	...	1	
Grand Total ...	17	332	...	349	92	...	...	1	...	1	2	82	15	99	196	1	291	58	124	62	12,548	63·5	2	1	...	...	1	

Miscellaneous appeals and applications	Year.	1879	1880	Difference,
	Civil.	349	426	+77
	Rent.	13	46	+33
	Total.	362	472	+110
References for rulings.	Commissioners.	2	1	−1
	Deputy Commissioners.	7	3	−4
	District Judges.	2	5	+3
	Sub-Judges.	...	2	+2
	Small Cause Court Judges.	8	2	−6
	Total.	19	13	−6

(a) Compromised.

Appendix to Civil Administration Report for 1880.

PROVINCIAL RETURN No. IX.

Showing the general results of rent appeals to Judicial Commissioner of Oudh for the year ending 31st December, 1880.

Class of court and names of officers from whose orders appeals were instituted.	Appeals on the file.				Struck off without trial.			Tried ex-parte by reason of non-appearance of respondent.				Decided on trial.					Total disposed of.	Pending at end of year	Duration of appeals disposed of.				Objections.		References made, section 566.	Readmissions.	Reviews granted.	Remarks.
								In favor of appellant.				In favor of appellant.							Uncontested.		Contested.							
	Remaining from last year.	Preferred.	Received by transfer.	Total.	Rejected.	Transferred.	Dismissed for default.	In whole.	In part.	In favor of respondent.	Total.	In whole.	In part.	In favor of respondent.	Total.	Remanded under section 589.			Total number of days from institution of appeal to date of decision.	Average.	Total number of days from institution of appeal to date of decision	Average.	Made.	Allowed.				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Commissioner, Lucknow Division...	14	35	...	49	17	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	...	17	23	1	41	8	...	...	1,376	...	...	...	...	...	1	
Ditto, Fyzabad Ditto ...	5	33	...	38	13	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	6	9	...	22	16	...	...	485	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Ditto, Sitapur Ditto ...	2	28	...	30	15	...	1	...	...	...	...	3	1	2	6	...	22	8	...	...	473	...	...	...	...	...	1	
Ditto, Rae Bareli Ditto ...	8	25	...	33	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	7	11	...	23	10	...	...	1,070	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Commissioners total ...	29	121	...	150	57	...	1	...	...	...	...	16	1	32	49	1	108	42	...	...	3,404	68	...	...	...	...	2	
Deputy Commissioner, Lucknow ...	...	5	...	5	1	...	...	...	1	...	1	1	...	2	3	...	5	..	45	45	162	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Ditto, Unao ...	3	6	...	9	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	3	4	...	6	3	...	...	193	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Ditto, Bara Banki, ...	...	13	...	13	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	3	6	...	10	3	...	...	360	...	...	...	...	...	1	
Ditto, Fyzabad ...	...	22	...	22	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	4	7	...	17	5	...	...	503	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Ditto, Gonda ...	2	16	...	18	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	6	7	...	17	1	...	...	456	...	...	...	...	1	...	
Ditto, Bahraich ...	...	6	...	6	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	...	5	1	...	...	104	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Ditto, Sitapur ...	...	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Ditto, Hardoi ..	1	8	...	9	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	4	...	8	1	...	...	216	...	...	...	...	1	...	
Ditto, Kheri ...	1	1	...	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	2	...	...	...	47	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Ditto, Rae Bareli,	1	8	...	9	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	2	3	...	8	1	...	...	167	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Ditto, Sultanpur...	...	6	...	6	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	5	1	...	...	77	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Ditto, Partabgarh,	..	(a)8	...	8	4	...	1	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	2	...	7	1	...	...	115	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Deputy Commissioners total ...	8	100	...	108	49	...	1	...	1	...	1	11	2	27	40	...	91	17	45	45	2,400	60	...	...	...	2	1	
Grand Total ...	37	221	...	258	106	...	2	...	1	...	1	27	3	59	89	1	199	59	45	45	5,804	64·48	...	...	...	2	3	

(a) One of these was called for on inspection of the monthly list of rent cases decided by Honorary Assistant Commissioner.

PROVINCIAL RETURN No. X.—CIVIL.

Showing the results of execution of decrees of the civil courts of the districts of the Province of Oudh, in the year 1880.

Districts.	Remaining from last year.	Applications to execute decrees.		Total for disposal.	Applications completely executed.		Applications partially executed.	Applications in which there was no execution.		Transferred to other courts.	Total disposed of.	Pending.			Nature and number of coercive processes actually issued during the year.								Remarks.
		Filed.	Received by transfer.		By possession of immovable property.	In other ways.		From fault of decreeholder.	From other causes.			Total pending.	Over six weeks in which sale of movable property is sought.	Over three months in which sale of immovable property is sought.	Imprisonment of person.	*Movable property*		*Immovable property.*		Orders under section 243, Civil Procedure Code.	Orders under section 244, Civil Procedure Code.	Orders under section 135, Act.	Date of oldest pending application.
																Attached.	Sold.	Attached.	Sold.				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Lucknow District Judge.	712	4,943	248	5,903	402	1,540	726	757	1,666	125	5,226	677	73	209	233	2,758	627	1,088	764	1	...	...	11th Jan., 1878.
Lucknow City Small Cause Court.	30	3,554	18	3,602	...	1,001	763	95	552	265	3,537	65	...	1	423	1,279	107	...	...	...	...	...	13th Sep., 1880.
Lucknow Cantonment Small Cause Court	7	218	7	232	...	31	161	4	...	27	223	9	...	...	12	124	18	...	...	...	...	...	15th Dec., 1880.
Sitapur District Judge	711	4,047	62	4,820	227	1,597	792	521	825	185	4,147	673	93	196	262	2,451	810	546	278	2	1	...	18th Aug., 1876.
Fyzabad District Judge.	789	4,402	41	5,232	352	2,028	572	648	748	78	4,426	806	170	156	198	2,588	677	950	99	19	10	...	5th Dec., 1877.
Fyzabad Cantonment Small Cause Court	...	8	...	8	...	8	...	...	...	...	8	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Rae Bareli District Judge.	661	4,804	32	5,497	538	1,812	1,010	393	947	45	4,745	752	112	161	854	3,259	1,539	414	226	4	2	...	20th July, 1876.
TOTAL ...	2,910	21,976	408	25,294	1,519	8,017	4,024	3,289	4,738	725	22,312	2 982	447	723	1,484	12,463	3,768	2,598	1,367	26	13	...	

PROVINCIAL RETURN No. X—RENT.

Showing the results of execution of decrees of the rent courts of the districts of the Province of Oudh in the year 1880.

Districts.	Remaining from last year.	Applications to execute decrees.		Total for disposal.	Applications completely executed.		Applications partially executed.	Applications in which there was no execution.		Transferred to other courts	Total disposed of.	Pending			Nature and number of coercive processes actually issued during the year							Remarks.
		Filed.	Received by transfer.		By possession of immovable property.	In other ways.		From fault of decree-holder.	From other causes.			Total.	Over six weeks in which sale of movable property is sought.	Over three months in which sale of immovable property is sought.	Imprisonment of person	*Movable property* Attached	*Movable property* Sold.	*Immovable property.* Attached.	*Immovable property.* Sold	Orders under section 243, Civil Procedure Code.	Orders under section 244, Civil Procedure Code	Orders under section 128, Rent Act.	Date of oldest pending application.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Lucknow	51	620	...	671	4	275	94	84	173	4	634	37	...	3	20	413	73	54	58	...	...	...	15th July, 1880.
Unao	54	778	...	832	30	425	83	72	162	1	773	59	5	15	19	586	86	77	25	...	...	...	1st March, 1880.
Bara Banki ...	67	777	1	845	8	328	104	135	170	17	762	83	9	21	86	508	417	83	22	...	...	...	30th July, 1879.
Sitapur	43	172	...	215	7	91	36	18	24	2	178	37	8	...	8	152	48	49	16	...	...	...	14th September, 1877.
Hardoi	64	770	...	834	5	475	91	51	125	6	753	81	2	7	46	687	143	36	14	...	. .	...	8th September, 1878
Kheri	14	257	...	271	4	135	46	34	35	1	255	16	...	4	22	186	54	15	12	...	. .	...	29th October, 1879.
Fyzabad	769	2,249	3	3,020	61	1,362	346	213	476	28	2,486	534	241	149	551	1,818	689	858	668	...	...	2	25th February, 1877.
Gonda	760	1,785	...	2,545	...	942	414	195	665	5	2,221	324	69	120	452	1,197	223	499	262	..	...	..	22nd February, 1879.
Bahraich	13	429	3	445	24	190	41	77	81	8	421	24	...	1	19	318	59	21	3	...	...	...	29th October, 1880.
Rae Bareli	162	727	...	889	18	375	175	64	138	1	821	68	...	12	79	690	52	101	103	..	...	1	2nd April, 1877.
Sultanpur	277	1,308	2	1,587	15	661	304	88	262	3	1,333	253	74	87	285	1,189	500	290	211	...	...	15	1st November, 1877
Partabgarh ...	140	880	...	1,020	9	439	155	125	145	3	876	144	6	37	139	614	473	63	21	...	...	...	3rd November, 1877.
TOTAL ...	2,414	10,752	8	13,174	185	5,699	1,389	1,156	2,506	79	11,514	1,660	414	456	1,706	8,358	2,517	2,046	1,417	...	..	18	

PROVINCIAL RETURN No. XIIA.

Statement showing the detention of witnesses in the district courts of the Province of Oudh in the year 1880.

Districts.	Discharged after							
	One day.	Two days.	Three days.	Four days.	Five days.	Six days.	Seven days.	Total.
Civil Courts.								
Lucknow	9,368	364	52	...	...	...	...	9,784
Sitapur	8,617	91	3	...	...	...	...	8,711
Fyzabad	9,409	447	62	22	3	...	...	9,943
Rae Bareli	10,975	563	59	20	...	4	4	10,925
Total	37,669	1,465	176	42	3	4	4	39,363
Small Cause Courts.								
Lucknow City Small Cause Court ...	2,944	10	...	...	...	...	...	2,954
Lucknow Cantonment Small Cause Court,	323	...	...	...	...	...	...	323
Fyzabad ditto	30	...	...	...	...	...	...	30
Total	3,297	10	...	...	...	...	...	3,307
Rent Courts.								
Lucknow	1,079	4	...	...	...	...	...	1,083
Unao	1,028	18	1	...	...	...	...	1,047
Bara Banki	686	15	...	...	...	...	...	701
Sitapur	305	...	...	...	...	...	...	305
Hardoi	1,716	5	...	...	...	...	...	1,721
Kheri	353	1	...	...	...	...	...	354
Fyzabad	1,825	4	1	...	...	...	...	1,830
Gonda	1,668	44	5	8	...	...	...	1,725
Bahraich	632	26	1	...	...	...	...	659
Rae Bareli	1,049	50	16	2	...	...	...	1,117
Sultanpur	1,593	155	1	2	...	...	...	1,751
Partabgarh	1,272	28	45	1	...	...	...	1,346
Total	13,206	350	70	13	...	...	...	13,639

PROVINCIAL RETURN No. XIV.

Showing receipts and disbursements on account of processes in the civil and rent courts of the Province of Oudh in the year 1880.

Districts.	Gross receipts.	Expenditure.					Surplus.
		Pay of supervising establishment.	Pay of serving establishment.	Twelve per cent. for cost of pensions.	Other contingencies.	Total.	
Civil.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
District Judge, Lucknow	23,185 14 0	4,512 0 6	13,456 11 10	2,166 3 11	95 4 6	20,230 4 9	2,955 9 3
Ditto, Sitapur	15,774 6 0	3,020 0 0	8,499 6 11	1,382 5 3	261 8 6	13,163 4 8	2,611 1 4
Ditto, Fyzabad	16,755 6 0	2,795 5 0	7,044 0 1	1,180 11 5	191 4 10	11,211 5 4	5,544 0 8
Ditto, Rae Bareli	15,726 1 0	2,280 0 0	6,675 9 5	1,074 12 6	226 14 9	10,268 4 8	5,457 12 4
Small Cause Court, Lucknow	4,073 10 0	539 0 0	3,355 14 7	464 15 9	...	4,339 14 4	—266 4 4
Ditto, Cantonment, Lucknow	347 8 0	...	132 0 0	15 13 5	...	147 13 5	199 10 7
Ditto, Fyzabad	22 0 0	300 0 0	...	36 0 0	...	336 0 0	—314 0 0
Total	75,984 13 0	13,446 5 6	39,144 10 10	6,310 14 3	785 0 7	59,686 15 2	16,197 13 10
Rent.							
Deputy Commissioner, Lucknow	4,924 8 0	1,721 9 10	1,499 10 6	886 8 9	61 0 0	3,668 13 1	1,255 10 11
Ditto, Unao	5,858 11 11	1,012 6 7	1,710 1 11	326 11 3	1 4 0	3,050 7 9	2,808 4 2
Ditto, Bara Banki	4,879 2 0	1,132 14 6	1,837 13 9	356 7 10	48 6 6	3,375 10 7	1,503 7 5
Ditto, Sitapur	1,881 2 0	480 0 0	886 11 2	164 0 0	62 4 0	1,592 15 2	288 2 10
Ditto, Hardoi	5,805 14 0	1,292 0 0	2,696 12 3	478 10 5	84 0 0	4,551 6 8	1,254 7 4
Ditto, Kheri	1,418 11 9	637 9 8	600 0 6	148 8 3	34 0 0	1,420 2 5	—1 6 8
Ditto, Fyzabad	8,473 6 0	1,381 0 0	4,363 11 10	689 5 10	...	6,434 1 8	2,039 4 4
Ditto, Gonda	7,334 4 0	738 14 11	3,071 14 9	456 11 2	126 6 0	4,388 14 10	2,945 5 2
Ditto, Bahraich	1,959 6 11	883 11 11	816 7 1	168 0 4	25 1 0	1,593 4 4	366 2 7
Ditto, Rae Bareli	3,798 0 0	1,040 14 5	1,586 5 11	315 4 5	...	2,942 8 9	855 7 3
Ditto, Sultanpur	5,445 12 0	1,166 8 0	2,195 4 6	403 6 7	5 13 0	3,771 0 1	1,674 11 11
Ditto, Partabgarh	4,258 12 0	824 0 0	2,261 0 5	370 3 3	80 9 3	3,535 12 11	722 15 1
Total	55,987 10 7	12,006 9 10	23,525 14 7	4,263 14 1	528 11 9	40,325 2 3	15,662 8 4

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Statement showing receipts and disbursements on account of sale commission fund in the Province of Oudh in the year 1880.

Districts.	Receipts.	Disbursements.				Total.	Surplus.	Payable to nazir under para. 5, Circular No. XXIV. of 1872.
	Received during the year 1880.	Pay of peons and amins.	Pay of assistant to nazir.	Pay of muharrir.	Contingencies.			
Civil.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
District Judge, Lucknow	6,246 10 2	538 6 4	...	...	117 0 0	655 6 4	5,591 3 10	1,397 12 7
Ditto, Sitapur	1,922 3 1	503 13 0	...	...	...	503 13 0	1,418 6 1	354 9 6
Ditto, Fyzabad	1,601 8 0	304 12 4	...	...	7 11 6	312 7 10	1,289 0 2	322 4 0
Ditto, Rae Bareli...	1,551 9 4	493 0 11	...	...	...	493 0 11	858 8 5	214 10 1
Small Cause Court, City Lucknow	182 9 6	118 0 0	...	...	...	118 0 0	64 9 6	16 0 0
Total ...	11,504 9 1	1,958 0 7	...	...	124 11 6	2,082 12 1	9,221 12 0	2,305 4 2
Rent.								
Deputy Commissioner, Lucknow	85 14 1	...	...	...	...	...	85 14 1	21 7 6
Ditto, Unao	186 2 4	...	...	...	...	...	186 2 4	46 8 7
Ditto, Bara Banki	99 10 9	...	...	...	...	...	99 10 9	24 14 8
Ditto, Sitapur	769 14 9	126 0 0	...	...	...	126 0 0	643 14 9	160 15 0
Ditto, Hardoi	103 1 10	...	...	...	...	...	103 1 10	25 12 5
Ditto, Kheri	95 10 9	56 3 3	...	...	10 9 0	66 12 3	28 14 6	7 3 7
Ditto, Fyzabad	896 8 5	748 14 0	...	...	42 6 0	791 4 0	105 4 5	26 5 1
Ditto, Gonda	358 4 11	...	...	...	...	...	358 4 11	89 9 2
Ditto, Bahraich	73 13 1	...	...	17 12 7	...	17 12 7	56 0 6	14 0 1
Ditto, Rae Bareli	337 12 2	...	...	54 3 2	...	54 3 2	283 9 0	70 14 3
Ditto, Sultanpur	267 0 11	120 0 0	...	...	...	120 0 0	147 0 11	36 12 2
Ditto, Partabgarh	241 11 9	48 0 0	...	...	9 7 0	57 7 0	184 4 9	46 1 2
Total ...	3,515 9 9	1,099 1 3	...	71 15 9	62 6 0	1,233 7 0	2,282 2 9	570 7 8

ORDERS OF GOVERNMENT.

No. 671 of 1881.

From

The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT,

N.-W. Provinces and Oudh,

To

The JUDICIAL COMMISSIONER of OUDH.

Dated Naini Tal, the 4th August, 1881

Sir,

Judicial Department (Civil)

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 1000, dated 24th May, 1881, submitting your report on the Administration of Justice in Civil and Rent Courts in Oudh during the year 1880.

2. *Para.* 4.—The number of suits of all kinds instituted amounted to 68,084, against 60,105 in 1879 and 69,230 in 1878. These are the figures given in Provincial return VI., but they do not agree with those given in columns 5 and 6 of Provincial return VIII. The total number of civil suits (including small cause cases) there given is 42,851, or 15 less than the total given in return VI. The discrepancy appears to be in the returns of the Lucknow Cantonment Court, where 15 cases, returned under section 30, Act VIII. of 1859 (quoted inadvertently for section 57, Act X. of 1877), have apparently been included in the total shown in return VI. The correct total of suits of all kinds would thus appear to be 68,069, and this number—if suits rejected and returned be added—corresponds with that given in Imperial return VIII. Compared with 1879 there was a decrease in Small Cause Court cases, and an increase under both the other heads. The number of suits instituted was independent of 5,314 miscellaneous civil and 10,226 miscellaneous rent applications.

3. *Paras. 5 and 6.*—Civil suits proper showed an increase under all the important classes, especially under "money due on obligations" and "for movable property." A general increase was, however, to be expected. During the first seven months of 1879, Deputy Commissioners naturally discouraged the institution of civil suits; and after the establishment of separate Civil Courts, the epidemic of fever checked litigation.

There seems to be a slight error in para 6. The number of suits instituted cognisable by Courts of Small Causes, but not instituted in those courts, was 31,851 (not 32,345). As several Sub-Judges have now been invested with Small Cause Court powers, a considerable decrease under suits tried by other courts may be expected next year. The grant of these powers was, however, only an experiment, and His Honor trusts that you will closely supervise the working of the courts to which they were granted, and satisfy yourself that the interests of litigants do not suffer in any way. Experience in other quarters has shown that the exercise of Small Cause Court powers is attended with

great temptation to perfunctory investigation and very summary decision of cases, and that speed is apt to be secured at the expense of substantial justice.

4. *Paras.* 7 *and* 8.—The table given by you shows how unequal the present distribution of business among the lower courts has proved to be. Thus Lucknow, with three Sub-Judges and Munsifs, had less than half the number of cases instituted in Gonda and Bahraich, where the number of officers was the same. The district average of cases per court varied from 685 in Lucknow to 1,566 in Fyzabad. The Sub-Judge of Lucknow had only 164 cases, while the Sub-Judge of Fyzabad had 2,003 ; and even among Munsifs in the same district the distribution was in some cases most unequal. These results are not surprising. It was scarcely to be expected, when the courts were established, that some re-distribution would not subsequently be found necessary. They show, however, how completely justified Government was in declining to sanction the erection of outlying court-houses, until experience had shown where courts were likely to be permanently located. The revisions of jurisdiction already sanctioned have given some, but insufficient, relief; and His Honor is ready to entertain any further proposals you may have to make.

5. *Paras.* 9 *to* 13.—With the increase in suits, miscellaneous applications also increased. There were 266 applications to be allowed to sue as a pauper, but only 49 were admitted. There were 92 applications for the resumption of rent-free grants, of which 56 were in Lucknow alone. Your suggestion that these applications should (as in the North-Western Provinces) be made to the Revenue and not to the Civil Courts, will be considered when the Land Revenue Act is being revised. Applications for foreclosure show a still further increase, from 541 to 563. Unao is again at the head of the list, with 250. It may be, as you suggest, that many of these mortgages are of old standing—the result of the exactions of the servants of the former Oudh Government. On this point definite information might have been given. Equally regrettable is the falling off in applications for redemption, from 55 to 31. The legal question—as to the court to which these applications should be made—is one which the Government must leave you to decide. It is unquestionable that when Act XVIII. of 1876 was passed, the functions exercised under the Regulation by the Zila Judge in regulation districts were assigned to the Deputy Commissioner, because his court was then the principal Civil Court in each district ; and now that the Deputy Commissioner has ceased to exercise jurisdiction in civil cases, it would seem as if the duty assigned by the Act is now attached to the court which is the principal Civil Court of original jurisdiction for the district. Should the Transfer of Property Bill become law, all doubt on the subject will be removed.

6. *Paras.* 14 *to* 16.—The value of the property under litigation rose from Rs. 38,30,085 to Rs. 50,18,922. The increase was common to all the Divisions, but was greatest in Fyzabad (nearly 5 lakhs), owing it is presumed to the institution of one case, involving the title to a large landed property. Costs amounted to Rs. 5,10,983, or 10 per cent. of the value, against 11 per cent. in 1879. It is, however, unsatisfactory to

observe that they rose considerably in suits of small value. The high percentages in suits not exceeding Rs. 5 in value in Lucknow and Rae Bareli (45·1 and 44·15, respectively) are noticeable. The percentage in Sitapur was only 33·7, and in Fyzabad 29 6. With regard to the two former Divisions, it is explained that many of these seemingly small suits are really important, being brought to establish rights to property ; and this may explain the high percentage of costs. The value of a suit is not always a fair criterion of its importance. But the mere fact, that a plaintiff has engaged and paid a pleader, should not of itself entitle him to recover the fee as costs. On this subject the remarks contained in para. 4 of the review of the report for 1879 should not be lost sight of.

7. *Paras.* 17 *to* 22.—Altogether 36,969 suits were decided. In disposing of civil work Honorary Assistant Commissioners' rendered substantial assistance; and I am to request that you will convey His Honor's cordial thanks to the gentlemen mentioned in your para. 20. The number of cases left pending rose from 4,115 to 5,545 : more than the half of which were in the Fyzabad Division. For this result, however, the staff are not to blame. The cause is to be found in the unequal distribution of business; and the statistics given in paras. 18 and 19 show that every effort was made to cope with the work. Next year when some re-distributions have been effected, better results may be expected.

The duration of uncontested cases fell from 46 days to 35, and of contested from 64 to 61. The improvement would have been still more marked but for the Fyzabad returns, the cause of which has already been explained. The same cause probably accounts for the longer duration in Munsifs' Courts, when compared with Tahsildárs' Courts under the old system. Till the former have had a fair trial, it would be premature to institute a comparison.

8. *Para.* 23.—Of the suits decided, 41·7 per cent. were contested. Decrees *ex-parte* fell from 13 per cent. to 9, and dismissals for default from 22 per cent. to 16·7.

9. *Paras.* 24 *and* 25.—Out of 21,452 applications for execution for disposal (according to Provincial return X. ; Imperial return X. shows 21,449), 8,496 were wholly executed. The number wholly infructuous was 6,515 (not 6,514), of which 4,186 were from causes other than default of the decree-holder. From the explanation given in para. 24 it would appear, however, that the heading of columns 9 and 10 of return X. are somewhat misleading, and that column 10 (other causes) includes many cases in which the decree-holder applied for execution, but did not obtain it through subsequent default of his own.

10. *Para.* 26.—The number of witnesses examined was 39,363, an increase of 11,104 on 1879. The increase, however, is chiefly nominal, as for the first time witnesses in miscellaneous applications have been included. Of these 95 per cent. were discharged after one day. Last year the percentage given was 97, but this was probably an over-statement. This year, however, considerable pains seem to have been taken to verify the figures, and the return is probably correct.

11. *Paras.* 35 to 39.—The discrepancy in the number of cases instituted in Courts of Small Causes has already been noticed. The correct total was apparently 4,702. The value of the property under litigation was Rs. 1,47,798. The number of suits for disposal given in column 7 of return VIII. is 4,805 ; in para. 37 the number given is 4,841, but apparently this includes the 36 cases returned or rejected. Four thousand six hundred and seventy-four cases were disposed of, leaving 131 pending at the close of the year. The average duration of cases rose from 15 to 18 days. There is a slight discrepancy between Imperial and Provincial returns X. as to the number of applications for execution filed. The decrease in the number which were wholly executed is apparently only nominal.

12 *Paras.* 40 to 46.—Suits instituted by landlords for arrears of rent showed a considerable increase, while suits by tenants to contest ejectment, &c., diminished. In consequence of the remarks contained in para. 10 of last year's review, a much larger number of petty rent suits were decided by Tahsíldárs ; and the desirability of this arrangement is unquestionable. It suits the convenience of parties, and leaves the head-quarter's staff more leisure for their more important duties. The increase in arrears of rent cases was probably due to the comparatively unfavourable nature of the season. The causes of the decrease in suits to contest ejectment are discussed in your para. 44, but it seems impossible to assign any general explanation of the fluctuations noticed. You attribute the decrease in applications for distraint to the failure of the kharíf and the absence of crops to distrain. It is curious that the Deputy Commissioner of Unao has assigned the very same cause for the increase of such applications in his district. His Honor agrees with the Commissioner of Lucknow that it would be well if all these explanations were tested before being inserted in reports. Until tested, they are at best but suggestions more or less plausible. From the remarks of the Deputy Commissioner of Fyzabad, it would appear that crops are practically distrained before the rents are due. This of course is illegal ; but as long as the people choose to submit quietly to the hardship, the law is powerless to help them. Tenants will probably in time learn their rights ; and where a complaint is made, the discretion of a court to award compensation (under section 73) should be liberally exercised. Whether the employment of *shâhnas* as a precautionary measure is the custom of the country or not, it should not be followed as a matter of course in estates under the management of the Court of Wards, &c. The matter will be brought to the notice of the Oudh Revenue Department.

13. *Paras.* 47 *and* 48.—The value of claims decided during the year was Rs. 8,23,355 ; and costs amounted to Rs. 1,01,631, or 12 per cent. of the value. The percentage was highest in Hardoi (16) and Rae Bareli (15). As in civil suits there was an increase in the costs of petty cases, which form the bulk of the litigation. The large number of cases in Rae Bareli under Rs. 100 in value, in which pleaders' fees were awarded, might have been explained. Tahsíldárs are, it is to be feared, too ready to award costs on account of pleaders' fees without regard to the real necessity for employing them ; and it requires the constant attention of Deputy Commissioners to prevent the growth of this objectionable prac-

tice. The cases must be few where professional advice is really required to place a case properly before the court.

14. *Paras.* 49 *to* 52.—Excluding 92 plaints rejected or returned, there were 26,666 suits for disposal. Of these 25,424 were disposed of, leaving 1,242 pending, against 1,448 at the beginning of the year. Bad distribution of business seems to have been the cause of a heavy pending file in Hardoi and Partabgarh; and the Deputy Commissioners should see that this is remedied. The average duration of contested suits rose from 33 to 34 days, while that of uncontested suits fell from 29 to 28 days. The Fyzabad averages (63 and 62 days) are very unsatisfactory.

The percentage of cases decided on full trial was 51·7. It varied from 63 in Unao to 41 (not 40) in Kheri. Dismissals for default fell from 12 to 10·4 per cent. (on the total for disposal). Decrees *ex-parte* rose from 13 to 14 per cent. The latter were most numerous in Fyzabad (20 per cent.) and in Partabgarh (17·5 per cent., not 20 as given in the report). Careful inquiry should be made in Fyzabad to see if these unsatisfactory results cannot be remedied by a better distribution of work.

15. *Para.* 53.—The system of allowing Tahsíldárs to execute their own decrees has worked well. The pending file has been reduced from 2,414 to 1,660. The percentage of decrees completely executed was 44·6. It was highest in Hardoi (62), and lowest in Gonda (40, not 42).

16. *Para.* 56.—The number of witnesses examined was 13,639 against 12,800 in 1879. The detention registers, which appear to have been carefully checked, show that only 3 2 per cent. were detained beyond one day. The percentage given by you (96·8) is apparently a clerical error.

17. *Paras.* 30 *to* 32 *and* 57 *to* 59.—The process fee funds and the sale commission funds of both Civil and Rent Courts show a considerable surplus. The full effect of the reduction of the fee, sanctioned in October last, will not be seen until the report for 1881 is submitted. When that is ascertained, it will be possible to consider whether any further reduction in the fee or increase of expenditure on civil administration is feasible.

I have the honor to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient servant,

C. ROBERTSON,

Secretary to Government,

N.-W. Provinces and Oudh.

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FROM

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JUDICIAL COMMISSIONER OF OUDH,

TO

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

NORTH-WESTERN PROVINCES AND OUDH.

Dated Lucknow, the 11th September, 1882.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to submit the prescribed returns relating to the administration of Civil Justice in Oudh during the year 1881, together with the original reports of the Commissioners, Deputy Commissioners, District Judges and Judges of Small Cause Courts, and to offer the following remarks.

Income and cost of tribunals.

2. The income and expenditure of the Civil and Rent Courts are shown below :—

	Income.	Expenditure.
Civil	5,38,311	4,17,429
Rent	1,76,127	4,05,231

The large deficit under Rent Courts is nominal only, for the officers whose salaries form part of the expenditure, have many duties to perform besides those of Rent Courts.

The Lucknow Small Cause Court shows an income of Rs. 19,135 and expenditure of Rs. 16,856.

RETURN No. VII.
Institutions.

3. The number of cases instituted in the several Civil and Rent Courts during the year 1881 was 77,854, being nearly ten thousand more than in 1880.

Figures showing the institutions during the two past years in the several classes of Courts are given below :—

	1880.	1881.
Ordinary Civil Courts	38,149	43,777
Small Cause Courts	4,717	5,024
Rent Courts (Act XIX. of 1868)	25,218	29,053

The increase was in every class of Court. The total value of the property concerned in these suits was Rs. 62,78,718.

ORDINARY CIVIL COURTS.

RETURNS NOS. VII. & VIII.
Suits instituted.

4. The subject-matter of the 43,777 suits instituted in the ordinary Civil Courts was estimated to be Rs. 51,28,863, being rather more than a lakh above the estimated value of the suits instituted in 1880.

The nature of the more numerous kinds of suits is shown below—

	1880.	1881.
Contracts in writing	12,600	13,675
Do. not in writing	6,062	6,263
On account stated	2,579	2,759
Money paid and received	922	1,020
Goods sold	1,698	2,055
Moveable property	4,738	4,829
Damages	1,520	1,856
Immoveable property	4,129	4,757
Breach of contract	1,914	1,477

The increase is most remarkable in suits on verbal contracts, where it is over 36 per cent.

5. The number of suits filed in each class of Court is shown below—

	1880.	1881.
Honorary Assistant Commissioners	3,724	4,196
Sub-Judges and Munsifs	34,356	39,512
District Judges	69	69

RETURN No IX. Miscellaneous.

6. In addition to the regular suits there were 4,940 miscellaneous cases instituted during the year.

Trial of suits.

7. There were altogether 50,768 suits before the Courts, and the manner in which they were disposed of is shown in the following comparative table :—

	1880.	1881.	Percentage of 1880.	Percentage of 1881.
Transferred	8	0	·015	...
Disposed of without trial—				
Plaints rejected or returned ...	250	537	·59	1·05
Dismissed for default ...	6,160	7,634	14·4	15 03
Withdrawn with leave	1,927	2,672	4 53	5 26
Disposed of without contest—				
Compromised	3,401	4,223	7 99	8 31
Decreed on confession ...	5,719	6,441	13 45	12 68
Decreed *ex parte*	3,327	4,238	7 82	8 34
Dismissed *ex parte* ...	740	925	1 73	1·83
With contest for plaintiff ...	10,244	11,828	24·09	23 29
Ditto for defendant ...	5,193	6,489	13·21	12·78
Pending	5,545	5,193	13·03	10·22

Of the contested cases 588 were referred to arbitration; of these 460 were decided for the plaintiff and 128 for the defendant. In the preceding year 461 cases were decided by arbitrators.

8. Of the total number of cases decided, 5,603 were disposed of by Subordinate Judges under their powers as Small Cause Court Judges.

Duration of suits.

9. The average duration of suits was rather longer than in 1880, as shown by the following figures :—

	1880.	1881.
Average duration of contested suits	61	66
Ditto uncontested	35	38

The lowest average duration was in the Courts of the Honorary Assistant Commissioners. In the Courts of the District Judges, each case, whether contested or not, lasted on an average for five months. In the preceding year the average duration of contested cases before these officers was longer, being 192 days, but uncontested cases were disposed of more rapidly, the average duration being 103 days. The oldest case pending was instituted on the 22nd September, 1879.

Miscellaneous cases.

10. The greater part of the miscellaneous cases were contested : 1,190, or 22 per cent., were struck off without trial ; 202 were compromised ; 443 more were decided without contest ; 34 were referred to arbitration, and 3,494 were contested. Of these, 2,085, or 59·7 per cent., were decided in favor of the plaintiff, and 1,409, or 40·3 per cent., in favor of the defendant.

RETURN No. X. Appeals.

11. There were 4,440 appeals before the District Judges. In the following statement the figures of the two past years are compared :—

	1880.	1881.	Percentage of 1880.	Percentage of 1881.
Total number of appeals for trial	4,066	4,440	0	0
Rejected	43	50	1·1	1·12
Transferred	24	0	·59	0
Dismissed for default	155	116	3·81	2·61
Heard ex parte.				
Confirmed	35	30	·86	·67
Modified	6	8	·19	·18
Reversed	21	13	·51	·29
Remanded	0	4	0	·09
Contested.				
Confirmed	1,937	1,955	47·63	44·
Modified	272	245	6·68	5·51
Reversed	493	507	12·12	11·44
Remanded	258	304	6·34	6 84
Remaining	822	1,208	20·46	27·43

12. The greatest number of pending appeals was in the Court of the district Judge of Rae Bareli. Three hundred and ninety-eight appeals were there pending at the commencement of the year, 715 were instituted, 456 decided, and 672 remained pending at the close. I attribute this in some measure to the fact that the late District Judge, Mr. Syed Mahmud, though a very careful and painstaking officer, did not dispose of work quickly. The Oudh laws regarding land were new to him, and the result was that when he left Rae Bareli in July, 1881, there was a very large number of appeals on his file. But that is not the only reason for the heavy pending file, as appeals continued to accumulate in his successor's time. During the past year the number of institutions far exceeded the number of appeals disposed of. Many of the appeals are no doubt difficult cases relating to land. Still the fact remains that the District Judge of Rae Bareli decided far fewer cases than any other Judge, as shown by the following figures :—

Lucknow	843
Sitapur	795
Fyzabad	1,188
Rae Bareli	456

Every other Judge, it will be seen, decided over 300 appeals more than the District Judge of Rae Bareli.

13. The average duration of appeals was 100·92 days. The average duration in each Court is shown below :—

Lucknow District Judge	53·23
Sitapur	29·8
Fyzabad	100·21
Rae Bareli	220·43

The highest percentage of decrees confirmed was in the Court of the District Judge of Lucknow ; the greatest proportion of reversals in that of the District Judge of Fyzabad.

14. The oldest pending appeal was instituted in the Rae Bareli Court on the 26th April, 1880.

15. There were in addition to the regular appeals above referred to, 148 miscellaneous appeals disposed of by the District Judges. The average duration of these appeals was 62·29 days.

16. In the Judicial Commissioner's Court there were 438 appeals for disposal, being three less than in the preceding year. Of this number 73 were appeals from original decrees and 365 from the decrees of appellate courts.

Appeals to Judicial Commissioner.

The following figures show how the appeals were disposed of in 1880 and 1881:—

	1880.	1881.	Percentage of 1880.	Percentage of 1881.
Rejected	92	49	26·36	11·18
Dismissed for default	0	2	0	·45
Heard ex parte.				
Confirmed	0	2	0	·45
Modified	1	5	·28	1·14
Reversed	1	4	·28	·91
Contested.				
Confirmed	99	142	28·36	32·41
Modified	15	8	4 30	1·82
Reversed	82	113	23·50	25·80
Remanded	1	1	·28	·28
Pending	58	112	16·61	25·57

In addition to the above there were 89 miscellaneous appeals before the Judicial Commissioner; 79 of these were disposed of and 10 were pending at the commencement of the year.

RETURN No. XI.
Execution of decrees.

17. The number of applications for execution of decree aggregated 22,430, which were disposed of as follows:—

	1880.		1881.	
By transfer	433	2·01	534	2·38
Satisfied in full	8,496	39·00	9,166	40·86
,, in part	3,100	14·45	3,168	14·12
Wholly infructuous	6,515	30·37	6,765	30·16
Pending	2,908	13·57	2,797	12·47

The proportion of decrees satisfied in full was slightly better than in 1880.

The modes in which the decrees were executed are shown below:—

By imprisonment of debtor	187
,, arrest	184
,, sale of moveable property	2,111
,, attachment ditto	4,399
,, sale of immoveable property	697
Under section 305 or 326 of the Code of Civil Procedure	42
By attachment of immoveable property	914
,, giving possession of moveable property	75
,, giving possession of immoveable property	1,526
,, contracts enforced	227
,, partition	3
,, execution otherwise effected	2,512

The amount realized was Rs. 10,25,353, of which amount Rs. 1,29,066 were realized without issue of process.

RETURN No. XII.
Insolvency.

18. There were 32 applications for declaration of insolvency, in only three of which was the application granted. The estates of three insolvents remained in the hands of receivers at the close of the year.

RETURN A.
Witness statement.

19. Of 51,552 witnesses summoned, 49,505 were detained one day, 1,787 during two days, 190 during three days, 54 during four days, and 16 up to eight days. The six witnesses detained for eight days were in the Court of the District Judge of Rae Bareli.

RETURN B.
Process fees.

20. The amount realized by process fees inclusive of receipts of Small Cause Courts aggregated Rs. 73,969, being Rs. 1,915 less than in 1880. The surplus after paying all charges amounted to Rs. 15,916 against Rs. 16,197, the difference being Rs. 281 only. The income of only two Courts fell short of the expenditure.

RETURN No. C.
Sale Commission Fund.

21. The receipts in this fund amounted to Rs. 7,543, leaving a surplus of Rs. 4,175 after the defrayal of all charges.

Records.

22. Where circumstances admitted of it, satisfactory progress has been made in the weeding and re-arrangement of files.

Lucknow.—Eighteen thousand three hundred and fifty-eight files weeded and arranged A first weeding has been made up to 1876, and a second completed from 1859 to 1863

Unao.—For want of a suitable building the old district records remain in the Deputy Commissioner's Office, recent records being sent in to Lucknow.

Bara Banki.—The old records are being taken over and weeded, and 23,441 files are now in the Sub-Judge's record-room.

Sitapur.—The A. files have been weeded up to 1874, and B. files up to 1877.

Hardoi.—The Sub-Judge is engaged in taking over the old records from the Deputy Commissioner.

Kheri.—The Sub-Judge, not having accommodation for the old files, has been unable to commence weeding.

Fyzabad.—Three thousand two hundred and ninety-six B. files have been weeded and cases cleared up to end of 1877.

Gonda.—As the old records have not yet been taken over, weeding has not commenced.

Bahraich.—Not reported.

Rae Bareli.—Thirteen thousand seven hundred and thirty-four files of the years 1873, 1876, and 1877 were arranged and weeded.

Sultanpur.—Files for 1877 weeded.

Partabgarh.—Five thousand and eighty-two files for 1875 and 1876 were arranged and weeded.

Small Cause Courts.

23. The following remarks refer only to Small Cause Courts proper. I have already noticed in para. 8 that 5,603 suits were disposed of by Subordinate Judges under the special powers conferred under section 24, Act XIII. of 1879. Those cases have been shown in the returns as disposed of by sub-divisional tribunals, and are not included in the following figures.

Return No VII Suits instituted.

24. The number of suits instituted during the past two years were as follows :—

	Lucknow City.	Lucknow Cantonment.	Fyzabad Cantonment.
1880	4,213	453	41
1881	4,429	531	64

The increase falls under the following headings :—

	1881.	1880.	Increase.
Contract in writing	1,113	968	145
Do. not do.	650	541	109
Goods sold	1,294	1,183	111
Moveable property	222	156	66
Damages	80	51	29

whilst a decrease is shown under—

	1880.	1881.	Decrease.
On account stated	887	808	79
Money had and received	38	16	22
Breach of contract	562	185	377
Rent (not failing under Rent Act)	400	345	55

RETURN No. VIII.
Number and value of suits instituted.

25. The aggregate value of the suits amounted to Rs. 1,76,634, being Rs. 28,836 more than in 1880.

The City Court returns Rs. 1,60,589, or Rs. 29,598 in excess of the preceding year. The increase in each class of suit was as follows :—

		Increase.
Not exceeding Rs. 10	...	4·3 per cent.
Ditto „ 50	...	6·9 ditto.
Ditto „ 100	...	17·8 ditto.
Ditto „ 500	...	9·5 ditto.

The average value of suits rose in the City Court from Rs. 31-2-10 to Rs. 36-4-1, and fell in the Lucknow cantonment from Rs. 35-0-4 to Rs. 26-7-5, and in Fyzabad Cantonment from Rs. 52-3-0 to Rs. 31-12-0.

Only about 15 per cent. of the suits instituted were claims for more than Rs. 50.

RETURN No. IX.
Results of trial.

26. Of 5,188 suits before the Courts 5,003 were disposed of as under :—

Without trial ...	391	7·53
Without contest—		
Compromised ...	357	6·88
On confession ...	1,303	25·11
Ex parte ...	1,107	21·33
Dismissed ...	19	·36
By arbitration ...	2	·03
With contest—		
For plaintiff ...	1,288	24·82
„ defendant ...	536	10·33
Pending ...	185	3·56

27. The average duration in uncontested suits rose in the City Court from 9·84 to 12·32, but in contested cases it fell from 12·30 to 11·60 days. In Lucknow Cantonment Court it remained stationary as regards uncontested suits, but rose from 9·83 to 11·27 in contested suits. Though only 62 small causes cases were decided in the Fyzabad Cantonment Court, the average duration there was the highest, being for uncontested 20·4 and for contested suits 14·73 days.

28. There were 253 miscellaneous cases before the Courts, of which 115, or 45 per cent., were disposed of without trial, 12 without contest, and 125, or 49 per cent., with contest ; 65 being in favor of plaintiff and 60 of defendant, leaving only one pending at the close of the year.

RETURN No. IX, PART 2.
Miscellaneous cases.

RETURN No. XI.
Execution of decrees.

29. There was a considerable increase in applications for execution of decree, as shown in the following statement :—

	1880.	1881.
City Court ...	3,554	4,033
Lucknow Cantonment ...	218	294
Fyzabad ditto ...	8	9
	3,780	4,336

Inclusive of cases pending from 1880 and transfers, there were 4,424 cases before the Courts, which were disposed of as follows :—

	Number.	Percentage.
By transfer ...	330	7·45
Satisfied in full ...	1,236	27·93
Satisfied in part ...	1,156	26·13
Wholly infructuous ...	1,627	36·77
Pending ...	75	1·69
In which debtor imprisoned ...	86	1·94
Ditto arrested ...	154	3·48
Moveable property sold ...	149	3·36
Ditto attached ...	109	2·46
Execution effected otherwise ...	1,685	38·08
		Rs.
Amount realized with issue of process ...	...	27,945
Ditto without ditto ...	...	19,144

In 1880 the figures were —

	Number.	Percentage.
Satisfied in full	1,041	27·07
Ditto in part	924	24·03
Wholly infructuous	1,513	39·34

Witnesses.

30. Of 3,325 witnesses summoned, nine were kept two days, four for three days, the remainder being dismissed on the same day that they appeared.

Rent Courts.

Return No. VII: Suits instituted.

31. The number of suits filed under Act XIX. of 1868 during 1881 was 29,053 against 25,218 in 1880; the increase occurring in ten out of the twelve districts, as shown in the following figures :—

	1881.	1880.	Difference.
Unao	3,620	2,498	+ 1,122
Sultanpur	3,503	3,089	+ 414
Gonda	3,479	3,330	+ 149
Hardoi	2,960	2,592	+ 368
Rae Bareli	2,603	1,496	+ 1,107
Bara Banki	1,879	1,723	+ 156
Lucknow	1,803	1,332	+ 471
Bahraich	1,624	1,330	+ 294
Kheri	869	792	+ 77
Sitapur	685	547	+ 138
Fyzabad	3,857	4,295	— 438
Partabgarh	2,171	2,194	— 23

32. The difference between the number of suits filed under the different classes is shown below—

	1880.	1881.	Difference.
Arrears of rent with or without ejectment, &c.	14,498	17,371	+ 19·81
Enhancement or abatement of rent ...	39	133	+241·
Ejectment or recovery of possession ...	412	1,509	+266·26
For recovery of money or account from agents,	58	71	+ 22·41
Relating to distraint	504	484	— 4·
Damages for extortion, &c.	246	230	— 6·5
For pattas or kabuliats	27	11	— 59 25
Other suits	9,434	9,244	— 2·01

Return No. VIII. Value of suits.

The value of suits filed aggregated Rs. 9,73,221, being Rs. 49,186 in excess of the figures for 1880. The proportion of cases in which the subject-matter of the suit was above the value of Rs. 50 was but little over 13 per cent.

Return No. IX. Disposal of suits.

33. There were 31,252 suits before the Courts against 26,758 in 1880, and the following statement shows how they were disposed of in both years :—

	1880.		1881.	
Without trial.				
Rejected	92	·34	325	1·03
Dismissed	2,777	10 37	3,260	10·39
Withdrawn	849	3·17	958	3·05
Without contest.				
Compromised	1,169	4·36	1,337	4·26
Decreed on confession	2,767	10·34	3,921	12·50
Decreed *ex parte*	3,771	14·09	4,629	14·76
Dismissed *ex parte*	897	3·35	1,099	3·50
By arbitration.				
For plaintiff	84	·31	81	·35
For defendant			15	·04
With contest.				
For plaintiff	8,760	32·73	9,753	31·10
For defendant	4,434	16·57	4,658	14·85
Pending	1,241	4·64	1,316	4·19

34. Besides the foregoing suits there were 11,966 miscellaneous cases before the Courts, of which 5,904, or 49·33 per cent., were contested; 1,699, or 14·2 per cent., were struck off without trial; 1,000, or 8·35 per cent., were compromised; 3,080, or 25·73 were decided without contest, and 15 were referred to arbitration. Of the contested cases 4,376, or 74 per cent., were decided in favor of the plaintiff, and 1,528, or 26 per cent., in favor of the defendant; 268 cases remained pending.

RETURN No. IX., PART 2, Miscellaneous cases.

35. There were 2,649 appeals before the Courts, which were thus disposed of:— 26 summarily rejected, 116 dismissed, 67 confirmed, 27 modified, reversed or remanded. Of 2,163 disposed of with contest, 1,336, or 61·76 per cent., were confirmed; 234, or 10·82 per cent., were modified; 391, or 18·06 per cent., were reversed, and 202, or 9·33 per cent., were remanded, leaving 250 appeals pending. The average duration was 29 days in Collectors' Courts and 61 days in Commissioners' Courts. Of 380 appeals that came before the Judicial Commissioner, 153 were summarily rejected, 2 were dismissed, and 11 decided *ex parte*. One hundred and fifty-four appeals were contested, of which 88 were confirmed and 66 reversed, modified or remanded; 60 appeals remained pending. The average duration was 50 days.

RETURN No. X. Appeals.

36. In addition to the foregoing, 189 miscellaneous appeals came before Collectors and Commissioners, of which 150 were contested. In 81 of these cases the orders were confirmed, in 13 modified, and in 40 reversed, and 16 cases were remanded. Only 11 appeals remained pending. Thirty-two miscellaneous appeals came before the Judicial Commissioner, of which 13 were summarily rejected. There were 14 contested appeals, in 8 of which the orders were confirmed, in 2 modified, and in 4 reversed.

Miscellaneous appeals.

37. The number of applications for execution of decrees that came before the Courts fell from 13,174 in 1880 to 12,642. The following statement shows how they were disposed of in both years:—

RETURN No. XI. Execution of decrees.

	1880.		1881.	
By transfer	79	·59	42	·33
Satisfaction in full	5,884	44·66	5,562	43·99
Ditto in part	1,889	14·33	1,946	15·39
Wholly infructuous	3,662	27·79	3,590	28·39
Pending	1,660	12·60	1,502	11·88
Amount realised.				
With issue of process	...	...	250,909	...
Without ditto	...	...	18,952	...
On which debtor was imprisoned	1,706	12·94	215	1·70
Ditto ditto arrested	...	...	180	1·42
On which moveable property sold	2,517	19·10	5	·03
Ditto ditto attached	8,358	63·44	2,703	21·38
On which immoveable property was sold ...	1,417	1,075	647	5·11
Ditto ditto ditto dealt with under sections 305, 322, 326, Act X. of 1877 ...	...	...	67	·53
Ditto ditto ditto was attached ...	2,046	15·53	679	5·37
Ditto possession given of moveables ...	...	...	4	·03
Ditto ditto immoveables ...	185	1·40	176	1·32
Contract enforced	...	...	4	·03
Partition effected	...	...	...	...
Execution otherwise effected	5,699	43·25	1,861	14·72

38. Of 16,215 witnesses summoned, 232 were detained during two days, 94 during three days, and 36 from four to six days, the remainder having been dismissed on the day on which they appeared.

RETURN A. Witness statement.

39. After paying all charges there was a surplus in the Process Fee Fund of Rs. 19,686, the receipts having amounted to Rs. 61,553.

RETURN B. Process Fee Fund.

40. The receipts of the Sale Commission Fund amounted to Rs. 3,515 as in 1880, the expenditure was Rs. 1,247, leaving a surplus of Rs. 2,268.

RETURN C. Sale Commission Fund.

JUDICIAL COMMISSIONER'S COURT.

Revision and reference.

41. In addition to the appeals that have been already noticed, 22 references were made to this Court under section 617 of the Civil Procedure Code ; 528 cases were called for under section 622 of the Code, and in 25 of these the orders of the lower Courts were modified or reversed.

Miscellaneous cases.

42. Thirty-three applications were made to the Judicial Commissioner for review of judgment. Two divorce cases were tried and 60 other miscellaneous applications were disposed of.

43. I much regret that I have been unable to submit this report at an earlier date.

I have the honor to be,
SIR,
Your most obedient servant,
H. J. SPARKS,
Judicial Commissioner, Oudh.

APPENDIX.

IMPERIAL RETURN No. VII.—(Civil and Rent.)

Showing the number and description of Civil and Rent suits instituted in the Courts of the Province of Oudh in 1881.

Class of Tribunal.	*Suits for money or moveable property.*										*Suits under the rent law.*							
	Contract in writing.	Contract not in writing.	On account stated.	Money lent and received.	Goods sold.	Wages, work, and materials.	Breach of contract not mentioned above.	Rent not falling under the rent law.	Moveable property or value thereof.	Damages.	Arrears of rent with or without ejectment or cancelment of lease.	Enhancement or abatement of rent.	Relating to distraint.	Damages for extortion or withholding receipts or on account of illegal restraint or other cause.	For patta or kabuliat.	For ejectment or recovery of possession	For recovery of money or accounts from agents.	All other suits under the rent law not included above.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Civil Courts.																		
Unpaid Tribunals	1,192	1,101	391	56	390	27	246	50	420	118	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Paid Sub-divisional Tribunals	12,429	7,162	2,368	964	1,665	510	1,230	437	4,404	1,737	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Small Cause Courts	1,113	650	787	16	1,294	332	185	345	222	80	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
District Courts	12	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	14,737	8,913	3,546	1,036	3,349	869	1,662	832	5,047	1,936	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Revenue (Rent) Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Unpaid local Tribunals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	35	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Other Subordinate Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	17,319	133	484	219	11	1,505	70	8,774
District Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	17	...	...	11	...	4	1	463
Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	17,371	133	484	230	11	1,509	71	9,244
Courts at the seat of Government	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Presidency Small Cause Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Superior Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Grand Total ...	14,737	8,913	3,546	1,036	3,349	869	1,662	832	5,047	1,936	17,371	133	484	230	11	1,509	71	9,244

IMPERIAL RETURN No. VII.—(Civil and Rent.)

Showing the number and description of Civil and Rent suits instituted in the Courts of the Province of Oudh in 1881—(concluded).

Class of Tribunal.	Title and other suits.																	Grand Total.
	Suits for immovable property.	Suits for declaratory decrees.	Other suits under the Specific Relief Act.	Suits to declare and establish rights to real property, including pre-emption, foreclosure, &c.	Suits to declare and establish personal rights.	Suits for an account.	Suits relating to religious endowments.	Suits to set aside judgments, contracts, or obligations on the ground of fraud.	Suits for dissolution of marriage.	Suits for enforcement of matrimonial rights.	Suits for partition.	Suits relating to shipping.	Suits relating to religion and caste.	Administration suits.	Interpleader suits.	Dissolution of partnership.	Suits under section 261, Act of 1865 (also Hindu Will Act).	Other suits not falling under any of the previous heads.	
1	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38
Civil Courts.																			
Unpaid Tribunals	109	...	...	4	7	1	...	1	...	30	...	...	6	...	...	1	...	46	4,196
Paid Sub-divisional Tribunals ...	4,615	537	181	503	109	20	3	143	6	181	61	...	13	...	...	2	2	239	39,512
Small Cause Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5,024
District Courts	33	4	...	5	...	1	...	3	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	1	...	5	69
Total ...	4,757	541	181	512	116	22	3	147	6	211	63	...	19	...	...	4	2	290	48,801
Revenue (Rent) Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Unpaid Local Tribunals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	42
Other Subordinate Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	28,515
District Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	496
Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29,053
Courts at the seat of Government	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Presidency Small Cause Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Superior Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Grand Total ...	4,757	541	181	512	116	22	3	147	6	211	63	...	19	...	...	4	2	290	77,854

IMPERIAL RETURN No. VIII.—(CIVIL AND RENT.)

Showing number and value of suits instituted in the Civil and Rent Courts in the Province of Oudh in 1881.

Classes of Courts.	Number of suits instituted in the different Courts.									Total value of suits.	Remarks.
	Not exceeding Rs. 10.	Not exceeding Rs. 50.	Not exceeding Rs. 100.	Not exceeding Rs. 500.	Not exceeding Rs. 1,000.	Not exceeding Rs. 5,000.	Not exceeding Rs. 10,000.	Exceeding Rs. 10,000.	Number of suits the value of which cannot be estimated in money.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
CIVIL COURTS.											
Unpaid Tribunals	1,441	2,151	495	99	...	...	...	...	10	1,14,567	
Paid Sub-divisional Tribunals	11,300	18,048	4,752	3,911	623	448	68	...	362	34,66,137	
Small Cause Courts	2,303	1,929	402	390	...	...	...	...	...	1,76,634	
District Courts	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	62	5	15,48,159	
Total ...	15,044	22,128	5,649	4,401	623	449	68	62	377	53,05,497	
Revenue (Rent) Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Unpaid local Tribunals	13	21	4	4	...	...	...	...	...	1,914	
Other Subordinate Courts	12,021	12,707	2,373	1,188	149	61	...	...	16	9,09,160	
District Courts	199	170	37	15	3	2	1	1	68	62,147	
Total ...	12,233	12,893	2,414	1,207	152	63	1	1	84	9,73,221	
Courts at the seat of Government ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Presidency Small Cause Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Superior Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
GRAND TOTAL ...	27,277	35,026	8,063	5,608	775	512	69	63	461	62,78,718	

IMPERIAL No. IX.—(Civil and Rent.)

Statement showing the general result of the trial of Civil and Revenue (Rent) Cases in the Courts of Original Jurisdiction in the Province of Oudh in the year 1881.

Part I.—Civil and Rent Suits.

Classes of Courts.	Total number of suits before the courts.	Number of suits disposed of										Pending at the close of the year.	Number of cases pending more than three months at the close of year.	Average duration of suits		Remarks.
		Transferred to Courts in other provinces.	Without trial.	Without contest.				On reference to arbitration.		With contest.				Contested.	Uncontested.	
				Compromised.	Decreed on confession.	Decreed *ex parte*.	Dismissed *ex parte*.	For plaintiff.	For defendant.	Judgment for plaintiff in whole or in part.	Judgment for defendant.					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
I.—Civil Courts.																
Unpaid Tribunals	4,402	...	1,024	512	1,124	336	49	57	13	752	340	195	10	24·0	17·37	
Paid Sub-divisional Tribunals	30,659	...	6,679	2,244	3,616	2,723	675	294	77	7,201	4,007	3,143	1,386	58·03	37·09	
Small Cause Courts	5,188	...	391	357	1,303	1,107	19	2	...	1,288	536	185	2	12·53	14·36	
District Courts other than Chief Courts of districts ...	15 601	...	3,132	1,456	1,699	1,177	201	109	38	3,840	2,123	1,826	797	62·28	43·33	
Chief Courts of districts	106	...	8	11	2	2	...	...	...	35	19	29	18	152·96	151·0	
Total ...	55,956	...	11,234	4,580	7 744	5,345	944	462	128	13,116	7,025	5,378	2,213	38·	66·	
II.—Revenue (Rent) Courts.																
Unpaid local Tribunals	42	...	8	2	8	7	1	1	...	12	1	2	...	23·88	29·47	
Paid Sub-divisional Tribunals	15,403	...	2,295	776	2,935	2,546	404	49	11	4,314	1.518	555	16	28·34	21·62	
Other Subordinate Courts	15,389	...	2,173	537	972	2,041	674	31	4	5,280	2,026	751	90	34·88	25·05	
District Courts	518	...	67	22	6	35	20	...	...	147	213	8	3	31·93	29·17	
Total ...	31,352	...	4,543	1,337	3,921	4,629	1,099	81	15	9,753	4,658	1,316	109	31·0	26·65	
Grand Total ...	87,308	...	15,777	5,917	11,665	9,974	2,043	543	143	22,869	11,683	6,694	2,322	36 18	28·69	

IMPERIAL RETURN No. IX.—(Civil and Rent.)

Statement showing the General Result of the Trial of Civil and Revenue (Rent) Cases in the Courts of Original Jurisdiction in the Province of Oudh in the year 1881.

Part II.—Miscellaneous Cases.

Classes of Courts.	Total number of cases before the Courts.	Number of cases disposed of.										Pending at the close of the year.	Number of cases pending more than three months at the close of the year.	Average duration of cases.		Remarks.
		Transferred to Courts in other provinces.	Without trial.	Without contest.				On reference to arbitration.		With contest				Contested.	Uncontested.	
				Compromised.	Decreed on confession.	Decreed *ex parte*.	Dismissed *ex-parte*.	For plaintiff.	For defendant.	Judgment for plaintiff in whole or part.	Judgment for defendant.					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
I.—Civil Courts.																
Unpaid Tribunals	107	...	17	2	...	1	3	...	19	22	27	16	2	15·1	13·9	
Paid Sub-divisional Tribunals	3,153	...	722	142	116	103	58	4	4	1,158	654	192	21	31·83	17·77	
Small Cause Courts	253	...	115	5	5	2	...	...	...	65	60	1	...	8 0	10 47	
District Courts other than Chief Courts of districts ...	1,688	...	378	55	14	33	23	2	5	626	446	106	13	21 70	14·27	
Chief Courts of districts	819	...	73	3	...	90	2	...	...	279	282	90	21	71 56	69·94	
Total ...	6,020	...	1,305	207	135	229	86	6	28	2,150	1,469	405	57	24·77	15·95	
II.—Revenue (Rent) Courts.																
Unpaid local Tribunals...	2	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10 0	
Paid Sub-divisional Tribunals	6,513	...	423	852	152	1,800	183	...	...	2,697	297	109	67	20·71	24·01	
Other Subordinate Courts	5,306	...	1,243	146	87	731	115	12	3	1,638	1,184	147	18	31·32	23·20	
District Courts	145	...	33	2	...	2	8	...	...	41	47	12	1	43 44	5·94	
Total ...	11,966	...	1,699	1,000	241	2,533	306	12	3	4,376	1,528	268	86	28·17	20·08	
Grand Total ...	17,986	...	3,004	1,207	376	2,762	392	18	31	6,526	2,997	673	143	26 47	18·01	

IMPERIAL RETURN No. X.—(Civil and Rent).

Statement showing the Business of the Civil and Revenue (Rent) Appellate Courts of the Province of Oudh in the year 1881.

PART I.—APPEALS FROM DECREES.

Class of Courts.	Total number of appeals before the courts.	Transferred to Courts in other provinces.	Appeals summarily rejected.	Dismissed for default or otherwise not prosecuted.	*Heard exparte.*				*Contested.*				Pending.	Of these pending more than three months.	Average duration of appeals.	Objections under section 561, Act X. of 1877.	Remarks
					Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded.	Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded.					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.																	
APPEALS FROM ORIGINAL DECREES.																	
A.—Civil Courts.																	
Chief Appellate Courts other than chief Courts of districts.																	
Chief Appellate Courts of districts ...	4,440	...	50	116	30	8	13	4	1,955	245	507	304	1,208	509	100 92	41	
Superior Appellate Courts other than chief Court of province.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
TOTAL ...	4,440	...	50	116	30	8	13	4	1,955	245	507	304	1,208	509	100·92	41	
B.—Revenue (Rent) Courts.																	
Collectors' Appellate Courts ...	1,508	...	17	60	14	4	4	2	756	178	203	123	147	3	28·92	14	
Commissioners, Appellate Courts ...	1,141	...	9	56	53	3	13	1	580	56	188	79	103	50	61·14	4	
Total.	2,649	...	26	116	67	7	17	3	1,336	234	391	202	250	53	45·03	18	
Courts at the Presidency or Seat of Government.																	
Chief Court of Province. { Appeals from original decrees, Civil,	73	..	8	...	...	...	...	...	22	4	12	...	27	6	75·9	1	
Appeals from Appellate decrees. } Civil ...	365	...	41	2	2	5	4	...	120	4	101	1	85	16	78·8	5	
} Rent ...	380	...	153	2	9	...	2	...	88	3	61	2	60	13	50·2	...	
Total ...	818	...	202	4	11	5	6	...	230	11	174	3	172	35	68·3	6	
GRAND TOTAL ..	7,907	...	278	236	108	20	36	7	3,521	490	1,072	509	1,630	597	66·0	65	

IMPERIAL RETURN No. X.—(Civil and Rent.)

Statement showing the Business of the Civil and Revenue (Rent) Appellate Courts of the Province of Oudh in the year 1881.

Part II.—Miscellaneous.

Class of Courts.	Total number of appeals before the Courts.	Transferred to Courts in other provinces.	Appeals summarily rejected.	Dismissed for default or otherwise not prosecuted.	*Heard ex parte.*				*Contested.*				Pending.	Of these pending more than three months	Average duration of appeals.	Objections under section 561, Act X. of 1877.	Remarks.
					Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded.	Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded.					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.																	
Appeals from original decrees.																	
A.—Civil Courts.																	
Chief Appellate Courts other than Chief Courts of districts ...																	
Chief Appellate Courts of districts																	
Superior Appellate Courts other than Chief Courts of province ...	185	...	6	3	5	...	...	...	72	7	41	14	37	5	62·29	1	
Total ...	185	...	6	3	5	...	...	...	72	7	41	14	37	5	62·29		
B.—Revenue (Rent) Courts.																	
Collectors' Appellate Courts	113	...	12	4	...	...	...	...	55	8	24	9	1	...	19·27	...	
Commissioners' Appellate Courts	76	...	3	2	5	...	2	...	26	5	16	7	10	4	43·58	...	
Total ...	189	...	15	6	5	...	2	...	81	13	40	16	11	4	31·42	...	
Court at the Presidency or Seat of Government.																	
Chief Court of Province. Appeals from original decrees, Civil	31	...	15	...	...	...	...	...	9	...	5	...	2	1	46·1	...	
" appellate " "	58	...	22	...	...	...	...	...	13	1	14	...	8	1		...	
" " " Rent ...	32	...	13	...	...	...	...	...	8	2	4	...	5	2	48·1	...	
Total ...	121	...	50	...	...	...	...	...	30	3	23	...	15	4	47·1	...	
Grand Total ...	495	...	71	9	10	...	2	...	183	23	104	30	63	13	43·87	1	

IMPERIAL STATEMENT No. XI.—(Civil and Rent).

Statement showing the Result of Proceedings on Applications for the Execution of the Decrees of the Civil and Revenue (Rent) Courts in the Province of Oudh in the year 1881.

Class of Courts.	Total number of applications for the execution of decrees before the Courts.	Applications disposed of				Pending at the end of the year.	Number of applications pending more than three months at the close of the year.	Amount realized.		Number of Applications.											Remarks
		By transfer.	Satisfaction obtained in full.	Satisfaction obtained in part.	Wholly infructuous.			With the issue of process.	Without the issue of process.	On which the judgment-debtor was imprisoned	On which he was arrested, but released without imprisonment.	On which moveable property: Was sold.	On which moveable property: Was attached, but subsequently released	On which immoveable property: Was sold.	On which immoveable property: Was dealt with under sections 305, 322, or 326, Act X. of 1877.	On which immoveable property: Was attached, but subsequently released under section 275.	On which possession was given: Of movables.	On which possession was given: Of immovables.	On which specific performance was enforced.	On which partition was effected.	On which execution was effected otherwise than the preceding columns.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
								Rs.	Rs.													
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.																						
I—Civil Courts																						
Unpaid Tribunals ...	1,134	68	475	164	319	118	27	10,415	490	5	10	140	219	15	...	28	32	25	...	...	38	
Paid Sub-divisional Tribunals ...	13,220	272	5,563	1,813	3,970	1,652	574	1,96,513	11,339	99	92	1,204	2,656	398	18	561	13	862	213	3	1,590	
Small Cause Courts	4,424	330	1,236	1,156	1,627	75	1	27,945	19,144	86	154	149	109	..	...	..	...	...	...	...	1,685	
District Courts	7,901	189	3,085	1,172	2,419	976	323	4,27,645	48,319	83	81	758	1 513	281	24	325	28	626	14	...	858	
Chief Court of district ...	175	5	43	19	57	51	35	2,61,714	68,418	..	1	9	11	3	..	—	2	13	...	...	26	
Total ...	26,854	864	10,402	4,324	8,392	2,872	960	9,24,232	1,48,210	273	338	2,260	4,508	697	42	914	75	1,526	227	3	4,197	
II—Revenue (Rent) Courts.																						
Unpaid local Tribunals ...	17	...	6	4	6	1	...	71	50	1	1	1	5	1	...	..	...	...	...	...	1	
Other Sub-Courts	5,185	11	2 632	665	1,467	410	73	51,819	3 120	60	60	533	1,262	132	3	231	2	22	...	.	702	
District Courts	7,407	31	2,908	1,277	2,104	1,087	325	1,94,640	15,782	152	119	835	1,425	513	64	447	2	152	4	...	1,156	
Chief Court of district ...	33	...	16	...	13	4	2	4,379	...	2	..	6	11	1	...	1	...	2		...	2	
Total ...	12,642	42	5,562	1,946	3,590	1,502	400	2,50,909	18,952	215	180	5	2,703	647	67	679	4	176	4	...	1,861	
GRAND TOTAL ...	39,496	906	15,964	6,270	11,982	4,374	1,360	11,75,141	1,67,162	488	518	2,265	7,211	1,344	109	1,593	79	1,702	231	3	6,058	

IMPERIAL RETURN No. XII.—(CIVIL).

Proceedings in Insolvency under Chapter XX., Act X. of 1877, in the Districts of the Province of Oudh during the year 1881, showing the Number and Result of Applications under Section 344 and the Number of Insolvents before the Courts.

PART I.

Districts.	APPLICATIONS FOR DECLARATION OF INSOLVENCY.														PERSONS DECLARED TO BE INSOLVENTS.								Remarks.
	NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS DEALT WITH.						APPLICATIONS DISPOSED OF								NUMBER OF INSOLVENTS BEFORE THE COURT.				DISPOSED OF				
	FILED DURING YEAR.						GRANTED.		REJECTED.												DISCHARGED.		
	Pending from last year.	By judgment-debtor. Under arrest or imprisonment.	By judgment-debtor. Not under arrest or imprisonment.	By decree-holder.	Received by transfer.	Total.	Transferred.	Withdrawn or otherwise not prosecuted.	A receiver being appointed.	A receiver not being appointed.	Penal proceedings under section 359 not being taken.	Sentence of imprisonment being passed under section 359.	Applicant being sent to the Magistrate to be dealt with.	Total.	Pending at close of year.	Remaining at close of previous year.	Declared to be insolvents during year.	Received by transfer.	Total.	Transferred.	Died.	Under section 351.	Under section 355.	Remaining at close of year.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Lucknow	4	12	4	...	...	20	...	7	2	1	7	...	...	7	3	...	3	...	3	...	...	2	...	1	
Sitapur	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Fyzabad	...	4	6	...	...	10	...	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	3	...	...	3	...	...	...	3	...	
Rae Bareli	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Total ...	5	17	10	...	...	32	...	17	2	1	8	...	...	8	4	3	3	...	6	...	...	2	3	1	

IMPERIAL RETURN No. XII.—(CIVIL).

Proceedings in Insolvency under Chapter XX., Act X. of 1877, in the Districts of the Province of Oudh during the year 1881, showing the Number of Estates in the hands of Receivers and the progress made in winding up.

PART II.

Districts.	Number of insolvents' estates in the hands of receivers.				Amount of creditors' claims dealt with during the year.					Amount of insolvents' assets realized and outstanding.				Remarks.
	Remaining at close of last year.	Placed in charge of a receiver during the year.	Number of estates in regard to which proceedings were finally closed during the year.	Remaining at close of year.	Unsatisfied and pending at close of previous year.	Admitted.	Disallowed.	Satisfied.	Unsatisfied and pending at close of year.	Amount of realized assets in the hands of receivers at close of previous year.	Gross amount realized during the year.	Total amount of disbursements.	Amount remaining in the hands of receivers at close of year.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Lucknow	2	2	1	3	2,404	3,428	2,710	1,013	2,208	54	1,078	1,013	119	
Sitapur	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Two insolvents were discharged under section 358, C.P.C., and one has no more assets.
Fyzabad	3	...	3	...	6,467	...	...	548	5,919	166	399	528	38	
Rae Bareli	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Total ...	5	2	4	3	8,871	3,428	2,710	1,561	8,127	220	1,477	1,541	157	

PROVINCIAL STATEMENT A.

Showing the detention of Witnesses before Civil and Rent Courts in Suits, Miscellaneous Cases and in Cases of Execution of Decree in the Courts of the Districts of the Province of Oudh for the year 1881.

	Discharged after being in attendance										
	1 day.	2 days.	3 days.	4 days.	5 days.	6 days.	7 days.	8 days.	9 days.	16 to 23 days.	Total.
Civil Courts.											
Lucknow	12,912	475	40	17	...	...	...	...	...	...	13,444
Sitapur	11,632	104	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11,741
Fyzabad	13,052	623	64	12	1	1	...	...	...	...	13,753
Rae Bareli	11,909	585	81	25	8	...	...	6	...	...	12,614
Total	49,505	1,787	190	54	9	1	...	6	...	...	51,552
Small Cause Courts.											
Lucknow City	2,931	9	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,944
Lucknow Cantonment	348	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	348
Fyzabad ditto	33	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	33
Total	3,312	9	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,325
Rent Courts.											
Lucknow	717	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	724
Unao	1,445	21	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,466
Bara Banki	841	10	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	853
Sitapur	510	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	510
Hardoi	2,140	1	36	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	2,178
Kheri	425	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	425
Fyzabad	1,972	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,973
Gonda	1,588	17	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,608
Bahraich	831	16	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	850
Rae Bareli	1,445	38	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,486
Sultanpur	2,392	82	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,474
Partabgarh	1,547	39	49	21	5	7	...	...	...	...	1,668
Total	15,853	232	94	23	6	7	...	...	...	...	16,215

PROVINCIAL RETURN B.

Statement showing Receipts and Disbursements on account of Processes in the Courts of the Province of Oudh for the year 1881.

Districts.	Number of servers employed.	Aggregate number of processes served.	Average number per server	Receipts.				Disbursements.						Here note if pay of peons has exceeded 60 per cent. and if bill for extra peons has been audited.
				Balance from last year.	Value of fees received within the year.	Remittances from other provinces.	Total.	Pay of supervising establishment, including nazarat and bailiff.	Pay of peons.	Pension Fund 12 per cent.	Contingencies and refunds.	Total.	Surplus or deficit.	
Civil.				Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
District Judge, Lucknow	141	51,191	...	...	19,094	7	19,101	3,663	10,347	1,681	384	16,075	3,026	
Ditto, Sitapur	126	48,405	384·16	...	17,178	29	17,207	3.045	8,958	2 064	299	14.366	2,841	
Dirto, Fyzabad	104	52,684	505·18	...	18,556	3	18,559	2,789	7,392	1.222	128	11,531	7,028	
Ditto, Rae Bareli	1,041	36.173	34·	...	14,327	74	14,401	2,389	7,005	1,127	153	10.674	3,727	
Small Cause Court, City Lucknow ...	47	16,684	354·97	...	4,259	...	4,259	1.260	3,113	525	...	4,898	639	Deficit.
Ditto, Cantonment Lucknow,	2	1,296	648·00	...	412	...	412	144	132	33	...	309	103	
Ditto, ditto Fyzabad,	1	95	95·	...	30	...	30	200	...	...	...	200	170	Deficit.
Total ...	1,462	206,528	...	...	63,856	113	73,969	13,490	36,947	6,652	964	58,053	15,916	
Rent.														
Deputy Commissioner, Lucknow ...	22	12,878	585·	...	5,856	...	5,856	1,872	1,469	401	23	3,765	2,091	
Ditto, Unao ...	27·79	25,845	957·	...	6,860	...	6,860	1,391	1,731	347	16	3,535	3,325	
Ditto, Bara Banki ...	32	25,454	795·	...	5,826	...	5.826	1,416	2,178	418	...	4.012	1,814	
Ditto, Sitapur ...	74	7,009	...	...	2,020	...	2,020	327	935	242	...	1,504	516	
Ditto, Hardoi ...	472	25,867	54·8	...	6,908	...	6,903	1,416	2,512	471	8	4,407	2.501	
Ditto, Kheri ...	14	5,964	426·	...	1,505	...	1,505	468	619	181	...	1,268	237	
Ditto, Fyzabad ...	63	34,624	549·58	...	8,683	3	8,686	762	4,141	588	...	5,491	3,195	
Ditto, Gonda ...	47	21,799	463·8	...	6,074	2	6,076	852	3,179	427	...	4.458	1,618	
Ditto, Bahraich ...	19	9,043	475·94	...	2,264	...	2,264	912	1,021	232	...	2,165	99	
Ditto, Rae Bareli ...	19	16,206	852·94	...	4,807	1	4,808	1,176	1,309	577	54	3,116	1,692	
Ditto, Sultanpur ...	33	21.272	664·	..	6,148	10	6,158	1,292	2.262	739	31	4,324	1,834	
Ditto, Partabgarh ...	35	18,350	524·6	...	4,583	3	4,586	912	2,360	550	...	3,822	764	
Total ...	857·79	224,311	...	...	61,534	19	61,553	12,796	23,766	5,173	132	41,867	19,686	

PROVINCIAL RETURN C.

Statement showing Receipts and Disbursements on account of Sale Commission Fund in the Districts of the Province of Oudh for the year ending the 31st December, 1881.

	Receipts.			*Disbursements.*			Balance.	Payable to Nazir &c., under para. 15, Circular No. 24 of 1872.
	Balance from last year.	Value of fees received within the year.	Total.	Pay of peons.	Contingencies.	Total.		
Civil.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
Lucknow	...	2,933 4 5	2,933 4 5	420 0 0	1 8 0	421 8 0	2,511 12 5	627 15 0
Sitapur	...	1,276 10 1	1,276 10 1	504 12 10	5 2 0	509 14 10	766 11 3	191 10 8
Fyzabad	...	1,769 14 9	1,769 14 9	233 3 8	5 5 0	238 8 8	1,531 6 1	382 13 3
Rae Bareli	...	1,177 2 2	1,177 2 2	667 9 6	1 8 0	669 1 6	508 0 8	127 0 1
Small Cause Court.								
Lucknow City	...	239 3 0	239 3 0	138 0 0	...	138 0 0	101 3 0	25 4 9
Do. Cantonment	...	146 14 8	146 14 8	...	...	...	146 14 8	36 11 8
Fyzabad ditto	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	...	7,543 1 1	7,543 1 1	1,963 10 0	13 7 0	1,977 1 0	5,566 0 1	1,391 7 5
Rent.								
Lucknow	...	73 14 5	73 14 5	...	...	...	73 14 5	18 7 7
Unao	...	284 8 4	284 8 4	...	2 8 0	2 8 0	282 0 4	70 7 11
Bara Banki	...	172 0 1	172 0 1	...	...	...	172 0 1	43 0 0
Sitapur	482 15 9	137 1 9	620 1 6	24 0 0	...	24 0 0	596 1 6	34 4 5
Hardoi	...	143 4 3	143 4 3	...	...	...	143 4 3	35 13 0
Kheri	...	127 5 9	127 5 9	15 7 8	...	15 7 8	111 14 1	27 15 6
Fyzabad	...	683 10 2	683 10 2	360 0 0	...	360 0 0	323 10 2	80 14 6
Gonda	...	301 4 9	301 4 9	...	...	...	301 4 9	75 5 2
Bahraich	...	244 1 0	244 1 0	4 13 5	...	4 13 5	239 3 7	59 12 10
Rae Bareli	...	250 4 6	250 4 6	...	...	...	250 4 6	62 9 1
Sultanpur	...	402 6 8	402 6 8	119 10 10	...	119 10 10	282 11 10	70 10 11
Partabgarh	...	211 10 0	211 10 0	108 0 0	10 2 0	118 2 0	93 8 0	23 6 0
Total	482 15 9	3,031 7 8	3,514 7 5	631 15 11	12 10 0	644 9 11	2,869 13 6	602 10 11

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FROM

H. J. SPARKS, ESQ., C.S.,

JUDICIAL COMMISSIONER, OUDH,

To

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

NORTH-WESTERN PROVINCES AND OUDH.

Dated Lucknow, the 6th July, 1883.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to submit the prescribed returns relating to the administration of Civil Justice in Oudh during the year ending the 31st December, 1882, together with the original reports of the Commissioners, Deputy Commissioners, District Judges, and Judges of Small Cause Courts, with the following remarks:—

Income and expenditure.

2. Your letter No. 900, dated the 10th November last, gave cover to a Resolution of the Government of India, Home Department No. $\frac{24}{1552-61}$, dated the 20th October, 1882, in which it was said that the receipts and charges of Civil, Criminal and Revenue Courts need not be shewn separately. But in your letter No. 265, dated the 3rd March last, His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor and Chief Commissioner observed that it might be found possible to frame a statement which would shew the income and expenditure of the Civil Courts of the province similar to the statements G. and H. appended to the note for 1881 in the North-Western Provinces. I have called for this information, but have not yet received all the items required to enable me to compile the statements. When ready, they will be submitted in continuation of this report. Meanwhile I may note that the aggregate amounts are set forth in Imperial return No. I. submitted with my report on the administration of Criminal Justice, and that the figures for the purely Civil Courts are:—

District Judges.	*Receipts.*	*Charges.*
	Rs.	Rs.
Lucknow	1,68,211	1,11,846
Sitapur	1,07,620	86,002
Fyzabad	1,17,906	43,931
Rae Bareli	1,08,983	77,998
Lucknow City Small Cause Court ...	22,561	16,353
Total ...	5,25,281	3,41,130

General remarks.

3. In your review of my report for they ear 1881, you suggested comparison between the returns of the North-Western Provinces and Oudh, and I therefore give the following tables:—

	N.-W. Provinces.		Oudh.	
	1881.	1882.	1881.	1882.
Number of civil suits instituted ...	86,185	87,051	48,801	53,051
Value of ditto	Rs. 2,23,70,998	2,05,81,074	53,05,497	1,05,91,887

The average value of each suit instituted in the North-Western Provinces in 1881 was Rs 259, in Oudh during the same year it was Rs. 108, and during the past year Rs 235 in the North Western Provinces, and Rs. 199 in Oudh.

In 1881 there was instituted in the North-Western Provinces one suit for every 379 of the population, while in Oudh there was one for every 233 persons.

In 1882 one suit was instituted in the North-Western Provinces for every 375, and in Oudh for every 214 of the population.

Value of suits.

4. Notwithstanding the great increase in the aggregate value of the suits instituted in 1882, the returns shew an increase in the proportion of suits, the subject matter of which did not exceed Rs 50.

Suits of value	N.-W. Provinces 1881.	N.-W. Provinces 1882	Oudh. 1881	Oudh. 1882.
Not exceeding Rs. 10	7 5	8 59	30 8	34 5
Ditto „ 50	44 5	42·21	45 3	46 6
Ditto „ 100	21 4	22 33	11 6	11 4
Ditto „ 500	20 9	20 89	9·	9·3
Ditto „ 1,000	3·	3	1 3	1·2
Ditto „ 5,000	2·2	2 39	0 9	1·
Above „ 5,000	·5	38	·2	·16
Other suits the value of which cannot be estimated in money	...	·12	·9	·11

In both provinces the suits between Rs. 10 and Rs. 50 are by far the most numerous of the eight classes into which suits have been divided.

Nature of suits

5. From the following figures it will be seen that there has been a falling off in the proportion of suits on contracts in writing, and to declare rights, and a slight increase in suits on account stated. For the rest the percentages for both years are nearly the same.

	N.-W. Provinces. 1881	N.-W. Provinces. 1882.	Oudh 1881.	Oudh 1882.
Suits on contract in writing... ...	62 2	58 93	30 2	28·4
Ditto not in writing	6 4	8 06	18 3	18·
Suits for goods sold	2 5	3 5	6 8	7 1
Ditto on account stated	4 2	4·08	7 3	8 3
Ditto for movable property ...	3 5	3 24	10 3	10 3
Ditto for immovable property ...	10 3	11 54	9 7	9 9
Ditto to declare rights	2 9	2 48	1	14

The difference between the two provinces is most marked with regard to contracts in writing. The proportion of suits brought in the North-Western Provinces on verbal contracts, for goods sold, on account stated, and for movable property, is far less than in Oudh.

Suits for declaration of right

6. The District Judge of Fyzabad attributes the falling off in suits for declaratory decrees to the cancelling of notification of the Government of India, No. 801, dated the 30th January, 1874, under which many suits for a declaration of right to real property could be instituted with a Court-fee of 8 annas only, but as that notification remained in force for more than ten months of the year, I doubt if the Judge has hit upon the real cause of the decrease.

Suits on contracts not in writing.

7. The same officer recommends "that no appeal be allowed when a suit on un-"written contract has been dismissed. If a plaintiff has taken "no care to protect his interests, he should not be allowed an "appeal. His claim may be true enough, but there is not sufficient proof of it. I would "still allow an appeal in such suits when the claim has been decreed, otherwise defend-"ants might suffer from no fault of their own, butfrom the decisions of officiating or "inexperienced Judges. I think that this change in the law.....would ease the "appellate Courts of troublesome trivial appeals which take up time quite incommen-"surate with their value: and would speedily convey the best of instructions to money-

"lenders and others to reduce their contracts into writing." I do not advocate any alteration of the law. Suits of this kind were most common last year in Gonda and Kheri, two frontier districts, and I have no doubt that the practice of putting agreements into writing will become more general even in these rural districts as suitors find the difficulty of proving verbal contracts. Such cases should not take up much of the time of the appellate Courts, for the appeal of a plaintiff who has been unable to prove the verbal agreement on which he bases his claim may often be dealt with summarily under section 551 of the Code of Civil Procedure.

Disposal of suit.

8. From the following figures it will be seen that though a greater proportion of suits was disposed of without trial in Oudh than in the North-Western Provinces, the proportion of contested cases was greater.

	N.-W. P.		Oudh.	
	1881.	1882.	1881.	1882.
Suits disposed of without trial...	11·6	12·59	22·2	21·6
Without contest	55·6	54·57	36·8	38·87
Contested	32·8	31·32	40·8	38·45

The percentages of cases decided *ex-parte* during the two years are shewn below:—

	N.-W. P.		Oudh.	
	1881.	1882.	1881.	1882.
Decreed *ex-parte*	22·2	20·38	10 5	11·3
Dismissed *ex-parte*	·5	·5	1·33	1·81

Average duration.

9. In the average duration there has been a slight decrease. Uncontested cases are not disposed of so rapidly in Oudh as in the North-Western Provinces.

	N.-W P.		Oudh.	
	1881.	1882.	1881.	1882.
Contested cases	56 days.	62 days.	66 days.	54 days.
Uncontested cases	25 „	26 „	38 „	32 „

Execution of decrees.

10. The Courts were hardly so successful in executing decrees as in the previous year.

	N.-W. P.		Oudh.	
	1881.	1882.	1881.	1882.
	Per cent.	Per cent.	Per cent.	Per cent.
Applications without result ...	47·3	55·2	30·16	32·21
Decrees satisfied in full ...	18·8	20·6	40·86	40·38

Regarding the execution of decrees the District Judge of Rae Bareli writes—

"The higher Courts shew the best results in fully executed cases pointing to a "settlement out of Court in smaller suits. The results do not appear satisfactory in "the total results, unless payments have been made out of Court. In some cases "no doubt the non-execution is due to the ruin of the judgment-debtors. I think "local enquiry would be very satisfactory to clear this point up so that facts might "be substituted for surmises. If a pargana were selected in Rae Bareli next cold "weather, the services of one of the munsifs could be spared for the duty for a month, "the Sub-Judge and the other Munsif could conduct the duty for that time."

I do not recommend the deputation of an officer to ascertain the fate of unexecuted decrees. Successful suitors may very well be left to look after their own decrees.

Arbitration.

11. Arbitration is not so popular in Oudh as in the North-Western Provinces. In the North-Western Provinces it was resorted to in 1881 in 5·3 per cent. of the contested cases, and in 1882 in 4·57 per cent. In Oudh the percentages were 2·8 in 1881 and 2·66 in 1882.

Rent Courts.

12. I am unable to compare the statistics of the Oudh Rent Courts with those of the North-Western Provinces. In the appendices to the Report on the administration of the North-Western Provinces

and Oudh for the year ending 31st March, 1882, pages 33—38, the Oudh figures only are given and the statistics given at pages 303—309 of the body of the report, are insufficient for purposes of comparison.

Costs of litigation and pleader's fees.

13. In your review of my report for 1881, it was said that costs of litigation should be shown and commented upon in future reports. In consideration of my representation, His Honor was good enough not to insist on this, but it was suggested that information regarding the amount of fees of legal practitioners adjudged as costs might be given. I submit that any figures I might tabulate regarding these fees would be misleading. The courts can regulate the fees to be paid by suitors on account of the fees of their adversaries' pleaders, but they have no control over the fees to be paid by suitors to their own pleaders except in those rare cases in which the pleaders sue for their fees. Agreements are very seldom filed under section 28, Act XVIII. of 1879, and when they are not filed the Courts have no means of knowing what arrangements have been made by pleaders and their clients. All that could be shewn would be the fees allowed by the Courts as costs; and these figures would not be exact, for in petty cases in which pleaders are employed, the Courts frequently do not allow their fees as costs. In suits in which Government is a party the Legal Remembrancer might possibly be able to shew the costs actually incurred and those allowed by the Courts.

14. Officers were warned that fees should not be allowed in every petty case as a matter of course, and the result is that the Courts have gone too far in the other direction and rarely allow pleader's fees even in intricate cases if the value of the subject matter of the suit does not exceed Rs. 100. The Commissioners of Sitapur and Fyzabad both notice this indiscriminate refusal to allow pleader's fees.

Section 43, Code of Civil Procedure.

15. The Commissioner of Fyzabad and Deputy Commissioner of Gonda consider the provisions of section 43 of the Code of Civil Procedure to be very hard upon landlords. When a landlord, who has allowed a tenant to fall into arrears, seeks the aid of the Court, the law requires him to sue for the whole debt once for all. This, to my mind, is far more equitable than it would be were the landlord allowed to harass his tenant by bringing perhaps a dozen separate suits, one after the other, on the ground that the debt is made up of various instalments, which fell due on different dates.

Return No. VII. Institutions.

16. The number of suits instituted in the several Civil and Rent Courts of Oudh during the year 1882 was 87,761, the increase being, as in 1881, nearly ten thousand more than in the preceding year. The figures given below show the institutions in the several classes of Courts during the past three years. It will be seen that the increase is general; but that it is greatest in suits under the Oudh Rent Act.

	1880	1881.	1882	Increase.
Ordinary Civil Courts	38,149	43,777	47,402	3,625
Small Cause Courts	4,717	5,024	5,648	624
Rent Courts (Act XIX of 1868)	25,218	29,053	34,711	5,658
Superior Courts	...	...	1	1
Total ...	68,084	77,854	87,762	9,908

The total value of the property concerned in these suits was Rs. 1,16,20,320, being Rs. 53,41,602 more than in 1881.

Ordinary Civil Courts.

Imperial Returns Nos. VII. and VIII. Suits instituted

17. Though the number of suits instituted in the ordinary Civil Courts exceeded the number instituted during 1881 by 3,625 only, the number for the year under report being 47,402, the value of the subject matter of these suits was more than double that of the previous year's suits, being Rs. 1,04,05,137 against Rs. 51,28,863. This increase in the value of property in litigation was greatest in Fyzabad, where the total value rose from Rs. 11,47,097 to Rs. 51,50,088; the average value of each suit being Rs 340.

Description of suit.

18. The description of the more numerous kinds of suits for the two years is shewn below :—

	1881.	1882.	Difference.
Contract in writing	13,675	13,807	+ 675
Ditto not in writing	8,263	9,009	+ 746
On account stated	2,759	3,428	+ 669
Money had and received	1,020	1,287	+ 267
Goods sold	2,055	2,431	+ 376
Breach of contract	1,477	1,563	+ 86
Movable property	4 829	5,196	+ 367
Damages	1,856	2,219	+ 363
Immovable property	4,757	5,302	+ 545

Courts in which suits were instituted.

19. The number of suits filed during the past two years in the Courts of each grade was as follows :—

	1881.	1882.
Honorary Assistant Commissioner	4,196	3,792
Sub-Judges and Munsifs	39,512	43,528
District Judges	69	82

20. The number of suits disposed of by ordinary Courts of original jurisdiction aggregated 47,490, being 1,915 in excess of the figures for 1881, and the manner in which they were disposed of during both years is shewn in the following table :—

IMPERIAL RETURN No. IX. PART. I.
Mode of disposal.

	1881.	1882.	Difference.
Transferred	...	...	...
Disposed of without trial.			
Plaints rejected or returned	537	823	+ 286
Dismissed for default	7,634	8,137	+ 503
Withdrawn with leave	2,672	2,057	— 615
Disposed of without contest.			
Compromised	4,223	5,352	+ 1,129
Decreed on confession	6,441	6,570	+ 129
Ditto *ex-parte*	4,238	4,491	+ 253
Dismissed ditto	925	938	+ 13
With contest for plaintiff	11,828	11,501	— 327
Ditto for defendant	6,489	7,081	+ 592
On reference to arbitration.			
For plaintiff	460	406	— 54
For defendant	128	134	+ 6
Pending	5,193	6,340	+ 1,147

More than half the pending suits were in Fyzabad, where the work undoubtedly is very hard.

Distribution of work.

21. The following table shews the class of Court by which those suits were decided :—

	Number of suits.	Percentage.
Honorary Assistant Commissioners	3,776	7 95
Munsifs	28,507	60·
Sub Judges	15,143	31·86
District Judges	64	·13

Districts Judges decided on an average 16 original cases, Sub-Judges 1,262, and Munsifs 1,295. The Sub-Judges of Bahraich, Gonda, Sultanpur and Partabgarh, and the following Munsifs, Pandit Upendra Narain, Babu Sameshwar Datt and Sayyid Ali Akbar decided more than 1,500 cases each.

Litigation in districts.

22. In the following table is shewn the work done in each district :—

District.	District Judge.	Sub-Judge.	Munsifs.	Average per each Munsif.	Honorary Assistant Commissioner.
Lucknow ...	22	576	2,078	1,039	56
Unao ...	...	1,319	3,530	1,177	204
Bara Banki ...	...	613	2,548	1,274	5
Sitapur ...	14	850	3,337	1,668	896
Hardoi ...	...	1,465	1,921	960	871
Kheri ...	...	1,239	1,366	1,366	206
Fyzabad ...	15	1,176	2,593	1,296	...
Bahraich ...	...	2,445	2,066	2,066	1,235
Gonda ...	...	1,582	3,674	1,225	...
Rae Bareli ...	18	580	2,499	1,249	241
Sultanpur ...	...	1,795	1,510	1,510	...
Partabgarh ...	...	1,503	1,385	1,385	62

Duration of suits.

23. There was a considerable decrease in the average duration of suits as shewn in the following figures :—

	1881.	1882.
Average duration of contested suits ...	... 66	58
Uncontested suits ...	... 38	34

The average duration in the Courts of each class is shewn below :—

	Contested.	Uncontested.
Honorary Assistant Commissioners ...	... 26·80	18·84
Munsifs	... 59·52	36·32
Sub-Judges	... 60·17	36·85
District Judges	... 215·87	94·6

Courts of Honorary Assistant Commissioners shew the lowest average duration, 27 days for contested, and 19 for uncontested cases. The average in Courts of Munsifs is a little below that of Sub-Judge's Courts. Though the average duration in the Courts of District Judges fell from 103 to 94 days as regards uncontested cases, it rose from five to seven months in contested cases.

24. The average duration was longest in the Court of the District Judge, Rae Bareli, 106 days for each uncontested and 378 days for each contested case. This is owing to the present District Judge having decided suits which had been pending for a long time when he took charge.

Adjournments.

25. I observe that in one Fyzabad case there were 40 adjournments and the Sub-Judge, Sitapur, adjourned another case 25 times. No explanation has been given by the District Judges. The cases will be called for and inspected.

Imperial Return No. IX, Part II.
Miscellaneous cases.

26. Of the 6,224 miscellaneous cases disposed of nearly two-thirds or 65 per cent. were contested, 2,423 being decided in favor of the plaintiff, and 1683 in favor of the defendant; 1,195 were struck off without trial; 216 were compromised; 201 were decreed on confession; 505 were decreed or dismissed *ex-parte*, and nine were referred to arbitration. In contested cases the average duration was 26 days, and in uncontested cases it was 21 days.

Imperial Return No. X.
Appeals.

27. The number of appeals before District Judges and Subordinate Judges increased from 4,440 in 1881 to 5,011 during the year under report. A comparative statement of the figures for both years is given below :—

	1881.	1882.	Percentages. 1881.	Percentages. 1882.
Total number of appeals for trial ...	4,440	5,011		
Rejected	50	65	1·12	1·36.
Transferred	...	2		
Dismissed for default	116	197	3·81	3·93.
HEARD EX-PARTE.				
Confirmed	30	51	1·23	1·55
Modified	8	8		
Reversed	13	11		
Remanded	4	8		

CONTESTED.

Confirmed	...	...	...	1,955	2,569	44· 51·26
Modified	...	...	...	245	329	5·51 6·56
Reversed	...	...	...	507	586	11·44 11·69
Remanded	...	...	...	304	412	6·84 8·22
Remaining	...	...	...	1,208	773	27·43 15·42

Of the 773 appeals remaining undecided 438 were in the Fyzabad Court, 125 in Lucknow, 117 in Rae Bareli, and 93 in Sitapur.

28. The distribution of work by districts is shewn in the following statement:—

			Total for disposal.	*Total disposed of.*	*Pending.*
Lucknow	...	...	947	822	125
Sitapur	...	...	817	724	93
Fyzabad	...	...	1,636	1,197	438
Rae Bareli	...	...	1,617	1,500	117

The average duration of appeals was 95·67 days against 100·92 days in the preceding year, as shewn below:—

			1881.	1882.
Lucknow	District Judge	... ...	53·23	45·19
Sitapur	Ditto	... ...	29·8	26·90
Fyzabad	Ditto	... ...	100·21	114·06
Rae Bareli	Ditto	... ...	220·43	141·09
		Average ...	100·92	95·67

The greatest percentage of decrees confirmed was in the Court of the District Judge, Sitapur, the greatest proportion of reversals in that of the District Judge, Fyzabad.

The Rae Bareli Court shews the oldest pending appeal which was instituted on 3rd May, 1881.

Appellate Courts.

29. During the year certain Sub-Judges were empowered to hear appeals. The Appellate work being much in arrears at Rai Bareli, the Subordinate Judges of that District were authorized to hear appeals and the number of appeals pending at the close of the year was 117 against 486 at the beginning of the year. The work disposed of by the several Courts is shewn below:—

		Appeals for disposal.	*Disposed of.*	*Pending.*
District Judge,	Lucknow ...	742	640	102
Ditto	Sitapur ...	817	724	93
Ditto	Fyzabad ...	1,629	1,191	438
Ditto	Rai Bareli...	1,130	1,021	109
Sub-Judge,	Bara Banki ...	205	182	23
Ditto	Fyzabad ...	1	1	...
Ditto	Rae Bareli ...	102	94	8
Ditto	Sultanpur ...	250	250	...
Ditto	Partabgarh ...	135	135	...

The appellate work of the Fyzabad and Rai Bareli Courts is far heavier than that of Lucknow and Sitapur. Only 78 appeals were heard *ex-parte*, and those were divided between four Courts. The percentage of cases remanded under section 562, Code of Civil Procedure, was very high in the Courts of the District Judge, Rae Bareli (17), the Subordinate Judge, Bara Banki (23), and the Subordinate Judge, Partabgarh (26).

Miscellaneous appeals.

30. District Judges disposed of 191 miscellaneous appeals, of which 8 were confirmed and one reversed without contest, and of the contested ones 100 were confirmed, 4 modified, 45 reversed, and 16 remanded. There were 30 appeals pending at the close of the year. The average duration was 64·61 days. Thirteen miscellaneous appeals were disposed of by Subordinate Judges.

Appeals to Judicial Commissioner.

31. There were 620 appeals for disposal in the Judicial Commissioner's Court against 438 in the preceding year; 95 being appeals from original decrees, and 525 from the decrees of Appellate Courts. A comparative statement of the figures for both years is given :—

	1881.	1882.	Percentage. 1881.	1882.
Rejected	49	109	11·63	18·38
Dismissed for default ...	2	5		
Heard ex-parte.				
Confirmed	2	2	2·5	·96
Modified	5	2		
Reversed	4	2		
Contested.				
Confirmed	142	129	32·41	20·80
Modified	8	26	1 82	4·19
Reversed	113	82	25·80	13·22
Remanded	1	4	·23	·62
Pending	112	259	25 57	41·77

There were also 107 miscellaneous appeals before the Judicial Commissioner, of which 58 were disposed of and 49 remained pending.

The average duration of appeals during the past two years is shewn below :—

	1881.	1882.
Appeals from original decrees	75·9	177·7
Ditto appellate ditto	78·8	103·7
Miscellaneous appeals from orders of original Courts ...	74·2	87·5
Ditto ditto ditto appellate Courts ...	29·4	105·9

Imperial Return No. XI. Execution of decrees.

32. There were 25,056 applications for execution of decree, which were disposed of as follows :—

	1881.	1882.	Percentage. 1881.	1882.
By transfer	534	516	2·38	2·05
Satisfied in full	9,166	10,119	40 86	40·38
Ditto in part	3,168	3,384	12·12	13·5
Wholly infructuous	6,765	8,033	30 16	32·21
Pending	2,797	2,954	12·47	11·78

The decrees were executed in the manner shewn below :—

By imprisonment of debtor	123
„ arrest	219
„ sale of movable property	2,389
„ attachment of movable property	1,340
„ sale of immovable property	701
Under sections 305, 322 or 326, C. C. P.	35
By attachment of immovable property	869
„ giving possession of movable property	33
„ ditto of immovable property	1,791
„ contracts enforced	120
„ partition	11
„ execution otherwise effected	3,404

Imperial Return No. XII. Insolvency.

33. Inclusive of four pending from the previous year, there were 28 applications for declaration of insolvency, of which nine were withdrawn, 13 were rejected, and four granted, leaving two pending at the close of the year. Two estates remained in the hands of the receivers at the close of the year.

Witness statement.

34. Of 53,991 witnesses who came before the Courts 51,770 or 95 per cent. were detained one day, 1,992 during two days, 197 during three days, 29 during four days, and three during five days. In 1881 the percentage of witnesses discharged the first day was 96.

Process Fees.

35. Including receipts of Small Cause Courts, the amount realized by process-fees aggregated Rs. 81,401, being Rs. 7,432 more than the receipts during 1881. The surplus that remained after meeting all charges rose from Rs. 15,916 to Rs. 21,222.

Sale Commission Fund.

36. The receipts in this fund amounted to Rs. 7,714, and after defrayal of all charges a surplus of Rs. 4,364 remained in hand.

Records.

37. *Lucknow.*—The District Judge's Record-room having been completed, 1,594 files were taken over from the Deputy Commissioner's Record-room, 22,358 files were arranged and court-fee labels in them double-punched, and 4,000 files weeded.

Bara Banki.—The transfer of the civil records to the Record-room of the Sub-Judge was completed during the year.

Sitapur.—File *A.* of 1875 has been completely weeded. File *A.* of 1876 and File *B.* of 1879 are being weeded.

Fyzabad.—One thousand eight hundred and twelve files *B.* have been weeded up to 1877.

Gonda.—The old records are being taken over from the Deputy Commissioner's Record-room.

Rae Bareli.—Thirteen thousand three hundred and sixty-one files have been weeded and arranged.

Sultanpur.—Five thousand two hundred and ten files have been taken over from the Deputy Commissioner's Record-room and arranged, and 2,200 files weeded.

Partabgarh.—Ten thousand six hundred and sixty-seven files have been weeded, and the taking over charge of files from the Deputy Commissioner's Record-room is in progress.

SMALL CAUSE COURTS.

Imperial Return No. VII. Suits instituted.

38. Exclusive of 7,479 suits disposed of by Subordinate Judges under the special powers conferred under section 24, Act XIII. of 1879, which are not included in the following figures, 5,648 cases were instituted in Small Cause Courts proper.

The figures for the past two years are—

	Lucknow city.	*Lucknow cantonment.*	*Fyzabad cantonment.*
1881	4,429	531	64
1882	5,014	410	224
Difference ...	+585	−121	+160

The increase in Fyzabad is due to a former Cantonment Magistrate having exercised jurisdiction in the city as well as the cantonments.

The figures given below shew an increase in suits under

	1881.	1882.	*Difference.*
Contract in writing	1,113	1,275	162
Do. not in writing	650	685	35
On account stated	808	1,002	194
Money had and received	16	21	5
Goods sold	1,294	1,348	54
Movable property	222	269	47
Damages	80	87	7

And a decrease under—

Breach of contract	185	141	44
Rent (not falling under Rent Act) ...	345	330	15

Imperial Return No. VIII. Number and value of suits instituted.

39. The subject-matter of the suits was valued at Rs. 1,86,750, being Rs. 10,116 more than the estimated value of suits instituted in 1881, and nearly Rs. 39,000 in excess of that for 1880.

The estimated value of suits instituted in the Lucknow City Court is Rs. 1,68,424 against Rs. 1,60,589 returned for 1881. The increase in each class of suit was—

	1881.	1882.	Increase.
Not exceeding Rs. 10	2,011	2,634	623
Ditto „ 50	1,702	2,150	448
Ditto „ 100	856	405	49
Ditto „ 500	360	459	99

The average value of suits in the City Court fell from Rs. 36-4-1 to Rs. 33-9-0 and in the Lucknow Cantonment from Rs. 26-7-5 to Rs. 26-6-0, but rose in the Fyzabad Cantonment from Rs. 31-12-0 to Rs. 33-8-7.

Eighteen per cent. of the suits instituted were valued at more than Rs. 50.

40. There were 5,882 suits before the Courts against 5,188 in 1881, and the manner of their disposal is shewn below :—

IMPERIAL RETURN No. IX. Results of trial.

Without trial	487	8·27
Without contest.		
Compromised	348	5·91
On confession	1,419	24·12
Ex-parte	1,519	25·82
Dismissed	25	·42
By arbitration	4	·06
With contest.		
For plaintiff	1,328	22·57
„ defendant	527	8·95
Pending	223	3·79

41. In the City Court the average duration was almost the same as in 1881, being in contested suits 11·93 and in uncontested 13·03. In Lucknow Cantonment Court it fell from 11·27 to 10·61 in contested suits, and in uncontested suits rose from 10·38 to 14·33. The number of suits disposed of in the Fyzabad Cantonment Court rose from 62 to 232 and the average duration fell from 14·73 to 13·62 in contested, and from 20·4 to 13·60 in uncontested suits.

Average duration.

42. The number of miscellaneous cases before the Courts rose from 253 to 317, of which 125 or 39 per cent. were disposed of without trial, 34 without contest, and 155, or 48 per cent., with contest, 71 being in favor of plaintiff, 84 of defendant. Three cases remained pending at the close of the year.

IMPERIAL RETURN No. IX. PART II. Miscellaneous cases.

43. There was again in the year under report a considerable increase in applications for execution of decree, as shewn in the following statement :—

IMPERIAL RETURN No. XI. Execution of decrees.

	1880.	1881.	1882.
City Court	3,554	4,033	4,711
Lucknow Cantonment	218	294	251
Fyzabad ditto	8	9	19
Total ...	3,780	4,336	4,981

As 75 cases were pending from the previous year and 14 were received by transfer, the total number of cases before the Courts aggregated 5,070, which were disposed of as shewn below :—

	Number.	Percentage.
By transfer	311	6·13
Satisfied in full	1,550	30·57
Ditto in part	1,176	23·19
Wholly infructuous	1,931	38·08
Pending	102	2·01
Total ...	5,070	

	Number.	Percentage.
In which debtor imprisoned	50	1·57
Ditto arrested	64	1·26
Movable property sold	143	2·82
Ditto attached	91	1·79
Execution effected otherwise	2,196	43 31
		Rs.
Amount realized with issue of process		46,510
Amount realized without issue of process		17,412

The increase over the realizations during 1881 is on issue of process Rs. 18,565, but there is a falling off of Rs. 1,732 in realizations without issue of process.

44. In the following table the results of the two past years are compared :—

			1881.	1882.	Percentage. 1881.	1882.
Satisfied in full	...	...	1,236	1,550	27·93	30 57
Ditto in part	...	...	1,156	1,176	26·13	23·19
Wholly infructuous	...	...	1,627	1,931	36 77	38·08

45. Of 3,231 witnesses examined all but 21, who were kept two days, were dismissed on the same day that they appeared.

Witness statement. Provincial return.

46. The foregoing remarks refer to Small Cause Courts proper. Besides the Judges of those Courts the Sub-Judges in 10 districts exercised the powers of Judges of Courts of Small Causes. The suits instituted before these officers were 7,479, so that there were altogether 13,127 suits of this nature. The classes to which the greater number of these suits belong are shewn below :—

PROVINCIAL RETURN No. VII-2.

Contract in writing	3,671
Ditto not in writing	2,532
On account stated	1,716
Goods sold	1,951
Movable property	1,108

PROVINCIAL RETURN No. VIII.—2.

47. The total value of these suits was Rs 4,32,576.

5,410 suits were for sums not exceeding				... ...	Rs 10
5,610	ditto	ditto	ditto	... ...	„ 50
1,116	ditto	ditto	ditto	... ...	„ 100
923	ditto	ditto	ditto	... ...	„ 500

One suit is shown as being for more than Rs. 500. It is probably a mistake in the preparation of the returns, but explanation will be called for. Suits for petty sums are and always have been very numerous in Bahraich.

PROVINCIAL RETURN No. IX—2.

48. The total number of Small Causes for disposal was 14,099. Of this number there were—

Transferred	2 suits	
Disposed of without trial	2,121	15 04 per cent.
Compromised	1,545	10·95 „
Decreed on confession	2,642	18·73 „
Ditto *ex-parte*	2,235	15 85 „
Dismissed ditto	137	·97 „
Decided by arbitration	44	·31 „
Ditto after contest in favor of plaintiff ...	2,644	18·75 „
Ditto ditto defendant ...	1,401	9·93 „
Pending at close of year	1,328	9 41 „

More than half the pending cases, namely 772, were in the Court of the Sub-Judge, Gonda. Adjournments were too frequent in the Court of the Sub-Judge of Sitapur. In the other Courts suitors appear to have had their business done without much delay.

PROVINCIAL RETURN No. XI.—2.

49. There were 6,627 applications for execution of decree.

Of these 2,177 or 32·85 per cent. were satisfied in full.
1,403 or 21·18 per cent. were satisfied in part.
2,331 or 35 9 per cent. were wholly infructuous.

RENT COURTS.

50. The number of suits filed under Act XIX. of 1868, during 1882, was 32,711 against 29,053 in 1881: the increase occurring in ten out of the twelve districts in the province as shown below :—

Imperial Return No. VII. Suits instituted.

	1881.	1882.	*Increase.*
Sultanpur	3,503	4,504	1,001
Unao	3,620	4,400	780
Fyzabad	3,857	4,122	265
Gonda	3,479	4,098	519
Hardoi	2,960	4,005	1,045
Partabgarh	2,171	3,042	871
Bara Banki	1,879	2,407	528
Lucknow	1,803	2,004	201
Bahraich	1,624	1,963	339
Sitapur	685	796	111
			Decrease.
A decrease occurred in Rae Bareli	2,603	2,600	3
Ditto Kheri	869	770	99

The fluctuation in the different classes of suits is as follows :—

	1881.	1882	*Difference.*
Arrears of rent with or without ejectment, &c.	17,371	18,751	+ 1,380
Enhancement or abatement of rent	133	67	— 66
Relating to distraint	484	356	— 128
Damages for extortion, &c.	230	164	— 66
For pattas or kabuliats	11	11	...
For ejectment or recovery of possession	1,509	1,976	+ 467
For recovery of money or accounts from Agents	71	173	+ 102
Other suits	9,244	13,213	+ 3,969

51. The increase in suits for arrears of rent is generally attributed to a good season. But there has existed a belief that the law of landlord and tenant is likely to be altered, and that may very probably have encouraged tenants to evade payment of rent and forced landlords into Court.

Suits for arrears of rent

52. Suits to contest notices of ejectment rose from 8,734 to 12,714.* The increase was common to all districts except Kheri, where suits of this nature fell from 189 to 105. The returns do not show how these suits were disposed of. Officers are almost unanimous in attributing the increase in the number of notices issued and in the number of suits to contest those notices to a widespread belief that the legislature was about to take away from landlords the power of summarily ejecting their tenants-at-will at the close of the agricultural year. I have no doubt that this is the real cause of the increased litigation regarding notices of ejectment.

Suits to contest notice of ejectment.

* *Suits to contest notice of ejectment.*

	1881.	1882
Lucknow ...	283	411
Unao ...	962	1,327
Bara Banki ...	426	816
Sitapur ...	157	204
Hardoi ...	1,086	1,505
Kheri ...	189	105
Fyzabad ...	1,526	1,999
Bahraich ...	277	340
Gonda ...	1,428	1,784
Rae Bareli ...	342	811
Sultanpur ...	1,344	1,950
Partabgarh ...	714	1,456
	8,734	12,714

53. The Commissioner, Fyzabad Division, writes—"I "think too much importance is often attached to securing "disposal of suits to contest notices of ejectment before 15th "June, at the cost of hurried perfunctory work, which has "to be done over again on remands in appeal." I agree with the Commissioner.

54. The Deputy Commissioner of Gonda writes—"The practice now followed "here is to direct a zamindar, who has successfully resisted "a *suit* to contest notice, *to take out execution*, and, if necessary, "obtain possession of his land. Act XIX. of 1868 is a not-"able instance of bad drafting; but I think this practice is as near to the meaning of "the statute and as satisfactory to the parties as anything can be." But, unfortunately, as the Commissioner points out, "the decree in such a suit simply dismisses the ob-"jection and upholds the notice, it does not direct possession to be given." The Oudh Rent Act is no doubt defective in this respect. Section 45 empowers the Court

Execution of decree upholding a notice of ejectment.

to eject a person who has not contested a notice of ejectment, but it does not authorize similar procedure with regard to a tenant who has objected to a notice of ejectment, but whose objection has been disallowed. If such a person, notwithstanding the decision of the Court, refuses to leave the land, the landlord's only remedy is a separate suit for his ejectment.

The different procedure adopted in the Unao District is noticed in para. 58 of this report.

55. The subject matter of the suits filed aggregated Rs. 10,28,433, being Rs. 55,212 in excess of the figures for 1881. The number of suits, the subject matter of which was valued above Rs. 50, was a little less than 13 per cent.

IMPERIAL RETURN No. VIII.—Value of suits.

56. There was a considerable increase in the number of suits before the Courts which numbered 37,165 against 31,352 in 1881. A comparative statement of the figures for both years is given below :—

IMPERIAL RETURN No. IX.—Disposal of suits.

	1881.	1882.	Percentage. 1881.	1882.
Without trial.				
Rejected	325	275	1·03	·78
Dismissed	3,260	4,336	10·39	11·66
Withdrawn	958	1,366	3·05	3 67
Without contest.				
Compromised	1,337	1,786	4 26	4 80
Decreed on confession ...	3,921	3,761	12·50	10·11
Do. *ex-parte* ...	4,629	5,366	14·76	14·38
Dismissed *ex-parte* ...	1,099	1,098	3·50	2·98
By arbitration.				
For plaintiff ...	81	9	·39	·19
„ defendant ...	15	12		
With contest.				
For plaintiff	9,753	12,396	31·10	33·35
„ defendant ...	4,658	5,646	14·85	15·19
Pending	1,816	1,074	4·19	2·91

57. The miscellaneous cases that came before the Courts aggregated 15,872, being 3,906 more than during 1881. One thousand nine hundred and sixty-six, or 12·38 per cent., were struck off without trial; 828 or 5·21 per cent. were compromised ; 5,228 were decided without contest, being 32·93 per cent. ; 45, or 21 per cent. were referred to arbitration. The contested cases numbered 7,462, of which 5,616, or 75 per cent., were decided in favor of the plaintiff ; and 1,846, or 25 per cent., in favor of the defendant ; and 343 cases remained pending at the close of the year.

IMPERIAL RETURN No. IX., Part 2. Miscellaneous cases.

58. Applications under section 102 of the Oudh Rent Act have increased considerably. Regarding them the Deputy Commissioner of Unao writes—"The number of cases under 102 has increased "from 256 to 529 ; this is said also to hinge on the ejectment "cases. If a tenant do not contest a notice assistance is sought under section 45. "If he do so unsuccessfully, then assistance is sought under section 102." The Deputy Commissioner, Kheri, referring to the increase, observes—"The provisions of section "102, Rent Act, are becoming better known." On the Sultanpur report the Commissioner of the Rae Bareli Division remarked—"In my opinion this section should be "expunged from the Rent Act. Extra Assistant Commissioners, who are inclined to "be lazy, can refer such cases to a Commissioner for local enquiry and decide on the "report received. Unless such cases are carefully enquired into, an immense amount "of harm is done and it is no light matter that the burden of instituting a suit in a "Civil Court should be thrown on the wrong person." I am inclined to agree with the Commissioner. There is no class of case in which I have seen more irregularities. Many officers seem quite unable to understand that their enquiry should be confined to the fact of dispossession by illegal means, irrespective of title, and as no

Recovery of land from which applicants have been illegally ejected.

appeal lies from such orders, and no review is allowed, their mistakes are seldom pointed out to them. In Unao, if I do not mistake the Deputy Commissioner's meaning, a landlord is allowed to obtain possession of land under section 102 from a tenant who has unsuccessfully contested a notice of ejectment. As the land in such cases has almost invariably been in the tenant's possession for more than a year, and as an application to recover possession under section 102 must be made within three months from the time of the illegal dispossession, the legality of the Unao procedure is open to question.

IMPERIAL RETURN No. X. Appeals.

59. There were 3,429 appeals before the Courts, being 780 in excess of the number shewn for 1881. They were disposed of as follows :—

Transferred	2
Summarily rejected	48
Dismissed	130
Heard ex-parte.	
Confirmed	92
Reversed	32
Modified or remanded	4
Contested.	
Confirmed	1,675
Modified	242
Reversed	613
Remanded	238
Pending	353

Appellate Courts.

60. Commissioners disposed of 1,566 appeals and Deputy Commissioners of 1,505. The file of the Commissioner, Fyzabad Division, was by far the heaviest. Out of 676 appeals that officer disposed of 642. The average duration in Commissioner's Courts was 56·27 days. In the Deputy Commissioners' Courts the greatest number of appeals was disposed of in Unao (251), and the fewest in Sitapur (46). The average duration was 28·07.

Of 394 appeals that came before the Judicial Commissioner, 129 were summarily rejected, seven dismissed, and 18 disposed of *ex-parte*. Out of 142 contested appeals 102 were confirmed, nine modified, and 31 reversed. At the close of the year 98 appeals remained pending.

Miscellaneous appeals.

61. There were, in addition to the foregoing, 221 miscellaneous appeals before Collectors and Commissioners against 189 during 1881. Sixteen were transferred, rejected or dismissed, and 19 were heard *ex-parte*. Of the contested appeals 82 were confirmed, seven modified, 33 reversed, and 16 remanded. Forty-eight appeals were pending at the close of the year.

Thirty-nine similar appeals were before the Judicial Commissioner, and of the 17 contested ones nine were confirmed, one modified, and seven reversed. Seven appeals were rejected or dismissed, and three heard *ex-parte* were confirmed. There were 12 pending at the close of the year.

IMPERIAL RETURN No. XI. Execution of decrees.

62. Applications for execution of decrees rose from 12,642 to 13,442. A comparative statement shewing how such applications were disposed of in 1881 and 1882 is given below :—

	1881.	1882.	Percentage. 1881.	Percentage. 1882.
By transfer	42	49	·33	·36
Satisfaction in full	5,562	6,039	43·99	43·43
Do in part	1,946	1,984	15·39	14·38
Wholly infructuous	3,590	4,081	28 39	29·98
Pending	1,502	1,389	11·88	10·33
In which debtor imprisoned	215	161	1·70	1·19
" " arrested	180	171	1 42	1 27
In which movable property sold	5	1,619	·03	12 04
" " " attached	2,703	3,139	21 38	20·35
" immovable " sold	647	431	5·11	3·20
In which immovable property dealt with under section 260, &c., Act X. of 1877	67	61	·53	·45
In which immovable property attached	379	351	5·37	2·80

			Percentage.	
	1881.	1882.	1881.	1882.
In which possession given of movables ...	4	5	·03	·03
In which possession given of immovables ...	176	118	1·32	·84
In which contract was enforced	4	17	03	·12
In which execution otherwise effected ...	1,861	2,199	14·72	16·35
Amount realised { With issue of process ...	2,50,909	2,55,858	...	...
Amount realised { Without issue of process ...	18,952	26,030	...	...

In Hardoi the results were particularly good, the proportions of decrees satisfied in full being more than 65 per cent.

63. Seventeen thousand seven hundred and sixty-six out 18,022 witnesses, or 98 per cent., are said to have been discharged on the day on which they appeared, 225 were detained two days, 19 for three days, and 12 from four to six days. The proportion of witnesses discharged the first day in 1881 was 97 per cent.

Witness Statement.

64. Regarding the witness statement the Deputy Commissioner, Unao, remarks —"I hesitate to comment on a return of which I doubt the correctness. To be of any "value it should include all witnesses who were before the Court. As a matter of "fact it professes to include all witnesses summoned through the Court, at least an "equal number of witnesses are produced without issue of process. If this return "is to be of any value, I think it would be necessary with every case to have a slip, "something like a diet slip in criminal cases to be attested at each hearing by the "officer presiding." The Deputy Commissioner, Sitapur, observes—"Although the "number of witnesses considerably increased, there is still the same extraordinary "result—no detention beyond one day—although in the cold weather tahsildars have "to be all over their tahsils, and at times to make rapid marches. I have had no "time to examine any cases." The Deputy Commissioner, Gonda, writes—"I fear "these statistics are comparatively worthless. It is impossible to exercise any super-"vision over the preparation of such a return and there are many ways in which the "Court subordinates can 'fudge' this return, which are not easily detected." The Deputy Commissioner of Partabgarh writes—"This return shows that not a single "witness was detained beyond one day. I doubt however its accuracy in suits con-"testing notices of ejectment, which could not be taken up on the day fixed for hear-"ing. Although every officer worked as long as there was daylight, it was impossible "to decide every case on the date fixed and as each suitor brought not less than two "witnesses, some of them must have been detained for two or three days." And the Commissioner, Sitapur, remarks on the Hardoi report—"I very much doubt the cor-"rectness of this return. I do not believe that, when a Court is unable, from press of "work or other cause, to take up a case at all on the day fixed, detention of witnesses "is recorded. In one Court the average number of adjournments was 1·74. In some "at least of these cases there must have been witnesses in attendance." On the other hand the Deputy Commissioner of Fyzabad records—"I believe that this return is "quite correct. Government could not believe that officers were so punctual in their "work, but where witnesses are concerned, it is certain that they are so"—and the Deputy Commissioner, Rae Bareli, writes—"There is no reason to doubt the accuracy "of the figures in this return."

On the Gonda report the Commissioner of the Fyzabad Division remarks—"I "do not quite understand the Deputy Commissioner. There can be no difficulty in "verifying the return of average durations from the entries in the register, and this "he should have done either by himself or some of his subordinates. Of course if "the Deputy Commissioner means that incorrect entries are wilfully made in the "registers, it is extremely difficult to detect them, but, if the instructions given in "Circular No. 24 of 1858 are attended to, the correctness of the entries in the regis-"ters can be tested by examining a few files taken at random. If there is a suspicion "that subordinates 'fudge' the entries, the Courts should exercise *special personal* "supervision. If the Courts set their face against all so-called 'fudging,' the amlah

"can have no personal motive for misrepresenting the period witnesses are detained, "inasmuch as the responsibility for over-detention rests with the Court, not with the "subordinate Court officials." I concur in these remarks; and I know by personal experience that mistakes do occur in these returns, and that they may be detected. The officers who doubt the correctness of their returns should do something more than simply state their suspicion. By taking some cases in which there have been adjournments and comparing them with the registers, it can be very quickly found out whether the latter have been correctly filled in. I trust that some of the returns may be so tested this year.

65. The Deputy Commissioner, Unao, seems to be under a misapprehension. All witnesses produced in Court should be shown. The heading of the statement shows that it is a return showing the detention of witnesses before the Courts and not of witnesses summoned only. I do not advocate the introduction of the slip which the Deputy Commissioner recommends. The Courts have already quite enough work, and the attestation of the slips would take up much time that might be far better employed.

66. In one respect I have no doubt that the return is misleading. Witnesses who may have been to the court on two or more occasions, are shown as having been discharged on the first day, if they have not been detained for two or more consecutive days. For example *A.* and *B.* attend with their witnesses on the 1st of the month, the case is adjourned to the 20th. *A.* and *B.* again attend with their witnesses and the case is again adjourned to the 10th of the next month, on which date the witnesses are heard. These witnesses would have been in Court on three different days, but as they were on no occasion detained for two or more consecutive days, they would appear in the return as having been dismissed on the first day.

Process Fee Fund.

67. The number of processes served rose from 2,24,311 in 1881 to 3,17,407 during the year under report, being an increase of nearly 94,000. There was a corresponding increase in the surplus that remained after the defrayal of all charges which rose from Rs. 19,686 to Rs. 38,936.

Sale Commission Fund.

68. The receipts of the Sale Commission Fund amounted to Rs. 4,032, and the surplus remaining after all charges had been met was Rs. 2,684.

Judicial Commissioner's Court.

Revision and reference.

69. Besides the appeals referred to at paras. 31, 60 and 61 of this report 10 references for rulings were made to this Court and 625 applications were disposed of, which include 550 under section 622, Code of Civil Procedure, in 28 of which the orders of the Lower Courts were reversed or modified. The large number of applications under section 622 of the Code of Civil Procedure is owing to the Oudh Civil Courts Act of 1879, which allows no second appeal when the decree or order of the Court of first instance is confirmed by the Appellate Court. The unsuccessful suitor frequently attempts to get a second appeal admitted in the guise of an application for revision, and most of the petitions being pure appeals, are rejected.

Miscellaneous.

70. In addition to the foregoing, seven Civil cases were called for and 15 applications for leave to appeal to Her Majesty's Privy Council were disposed of.

I have the honor to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient servant,

H. J. SPARKS,

Judicial Commissioner, Oudh

APPENDICES.

IMPERIAL RETURN No. VII.—(Civil and Rent.)

Showing the number and description of Civil and Rent suits instituted in the Courts of the Province of Oudh in 1882.

Class of Tribunal.	Suits for money or moveable property.										Suits under the Rent Law.							
	Contract in writing.	Contract not in writing	On account stated.	Money had and received.	Goods sold.	Wages, work, and materials.	Breach of contract not mentioned above.	Rent not falling under the Rent law.	Moveable property or value thereof.	Damages.	Arrears of rent with or without ejectment or cancelment of lease.	Enhancement or abatement of rent.	Relating to distraint.	Damages for extortion or withholding receipt or on account of illegal restraint or other cause.	For pattahs or kabulyats.	For ejectment or recovery of possession.	For recovery of money or accounts from Agents.	All other suits under the rent law not included above.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Civil Courts.																		
Unpaid tribunals ...	1,030	919	527	55	284	25	246	38	415	94	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Paid sub-divisional tribunals ...	12,768	8,090	2,901	1,232	2,147	595	1,216	430	4,779	2,123	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Small Cause Courts ...	1,275	685	1,002	21	1,348	490	141	330	269	87	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
District Courts ...	9	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	2	2	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...
Total ...	15,082	9,694	4,430	1,308	3,779	1,110	1,604	799	5,465	2,306	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Revenue (Rent) Courts.																		
Unpaid local tribunals ...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	45	...	...	...	...	...	...	42
Other Subordinate Courts ...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	18,680	67	346	160	11	1,815	172	11,940
District Courts ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	26	..	10	4	...	161	1	1,231
Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	18,751	67	356	164	11	1,976	173	13,213
Courts at the seat of Government ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Presidency Small Cause Courts ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Superior Courts ...	...		...	...	...	...	...	...		...	...	.	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...		.	...	...	...	...	.	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	..	..	...	...
Grand Total ...	15,082	9,694	4,430	1,308	3,779	1,110	1,604	799	5,465	2,306	18,751	67	356	164	11	1,976	173	13,213

IMPERIAL RETURN No. VII —(CIVIL AND RENT.)—*(concluded).*

Showing the number and description of Civil and Rent Suits instituted in the Courts of the Province of Oudh in 1882.

Class of Tribunal.	Title and other suits.																		Grand Total.
	Suits for immoveable property.	Suits for declaratory decrees.	Other suits under the Specific Relief Act.	Suits to declare and establish rights to real property, including pre-emption foreclosure, &c.	Suits to declare and establish personal rights.	Suits for an account.	Suits relating to religious endowments.	Suits to set aside judgments, contracts or obligations on the ground of fraud.	Suits for dissolution of marriage.	Suits for enforcement of matrimonial rights.	Suits for partition.	Suits relating to shipping.	Suits relating to religion and caste.	Administration suits.	Inter-pleader suits.	Dissolution of partnership.	Suits under section 281, Act X of 1865 (also Hindu Wills Act).	Other suits not falling under any of the previous heads.	
1	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38
Civil Courts.																			
Unpaid tribunals	72	...	4	3	10	3	...	...	...	30	1	...	2	...	...	...	...	34	3,792
Paid sub-divisional tribunals ...	5,190	359	115	653	76	23	1	158	13	203	77	...	7	...	...	...	...	372	43,528
Small Cause Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5,648
District Courts	40	...	...	7	2	4	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	7	...	5	82
Total ...	5,302	359	119	663	88	30	1	159	13	233	79	...	9	...	...	7	...	411	53,050
Revenue (Rent) Courts.																			
Unpaid local tribunals ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	87
Other subordinate Courts ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	33,191
District Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,433
Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	34,711
Courts at the seat of Government, ...	...	...	...	...		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Presidency Small Cause Courts ...	...	...	...	...		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Superior Courts	...	...	...	...		...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
GRAND TOTAL ...	5,302	359	119	663	88	30	1	159	14	233	79	...	9	...	...	7	...	411	87,762

IMPERIAL RETURN No. VIII.—(Civil and Rent).

Showing number and value of suits instituted in the Civil and Rent Courts in the Province of Oudh in 1882.

Classes of Courts.	Number of suits instituted in the different courts.									Total value of suits.	Remarks.
	Not exceeding Rs. 10.	Not exceeding Rs. 50.	Not exceeding Rs. 100.	Not exceeding Rs. 500.	Not exceeding Rs. 1,000.	Not exceeding Rs. 5,000.	Not exceeding Rs. 10,000.	Exceeding Rs. 10,000.	Number of suits, the value of which cannot be estimated in money.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
										Rs. a. p.	
Civil Courts.											
Unpaid tribunals ...	1,403	1,865	411	101	...	...	...	...	12	1,05,268 1 2	
Paid sub-divisional tribunals	13,347	19,467	4,932	4,154	649	505	74	...	400	35,47,527 7 11	
Small Cause Courts	2,634	2,150	405	459	...	...	...	...	...	1,86,750 0 8	
District Courts ...	...	...	...	...	...	1	9	58	14	67,52,341 9 11	
Total ...	17,384	23,482	5,748	4,714	649	506	83	58	426	1,05 91,887 3 8	
Revenue (Rent) Courts.											
Unpaid local tribunals ...	45	28	12	2	...	...	...	...	...	2,266 0 3	
Other subordinate Courts	14,879	14,135	2,646	1,308	135	62	...	...	26	2,76 859 2 1	
District Courts	631	542	149	46	4	2	1	...	58	49,308 0 0	
Total ...	15,555	14,705	2,807	1,356	139	64	1	...	84	10,28,433 2 4	
Courts at the seat of Government	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Presidency Small Cause Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Superior Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	
Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	
Grand Total ...	32,939	38,187	8,555	6,070	788	570	84	58	511	116,20,320 6 0	

IMPERIAL RETURN No. IX.—(Civil and Rent.)

Statement showing the general result of the trial of Civil and Revenue (Rent) cases in the Courts of original jurisdiction in the Province of Oudh in the year 1882.

PART I.—Civil and Rent Suits.

Class of Courts.	Total number of suits before the Courts.	Number of suits Disposed of										Pending at the close of the year.	Number of cases pending more than three months at the close of year.	Average duration of suits.		Remarks.
		Transferred to Courts in other Provinces.	Without trial.	Without contest.				On reference to arbitration.		With contest.				Contested.	Uncontested.	
				Compromised.	Decreed on confession.	Decreed ex-parte.	Dismissed ex-parte.	For plaintiff.	For defendant.	Judgment for plaintiff in whole or in part	Judgment for defendant.					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
I.—*Civil Courts.*																
Unpaid tribunals	4,053	...	340	568	985	355	43	22	4	651	308	277	10	26·80	18·84	
Paid sub-divisional tribunals	22,452	...	6,981	2,821	3,551	2,804	643	241	86	6,960	4,420	3,945	1,505	59·52	36·32	
Small Cause Courts	5,882	2	487	348	1,419	1,519	25	4	...	1,328	527	223	1	11·92	13·15	
District Courts other than Chief Courts of districts ...	17,209	...	3,185	1,959	2,034	1,832	252	143	44	3,567	2,327	2,066	971	66·17	36·85	
Chief Courts of districts	116	...	11	4	...	...	...	...	...	23	26	52	24	215·87	94·6	
Total ...	59,712	2	11.504	5,700	7,989	6,010	963	410	134	12,829	7,608	6.563	2,511	54·34	32·24	
II.—*Revenue (Rent) Courts.*																
Unpaid local tribunals	98	...	8	6	20	11	...	...	...	40	5	8	...	27·26	13·17	
Paid sub-divisional tribunals	15,210	...	2,489	822	2,449	2,661	341	28	2	4,618	1.408	397	8	34·88	23 72	
Other subordinate Courts	20,401	...	3,266	912	1,285	2,619	662	35	10	7,218	3,733	666	88	34·37	32·60	
District Courts	1,456	...	214	46	.7	65	95	1	...	520	500	8	1	20·26	30 98	
Total ...	37,165	...	5,977	1.786	3,761	5,356	1,098	59	12	12,396	5,646	1,074	97	33·21	28 07	
Superior Courts ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	119·	...	
Grand Total ...	96,878	2	17,481	7,486	11,750	11,366	2,061	469	146	25,226	13,254	7,637	2,608	44·53	30·74	

IMPERIAL RETURN No. IX.—(Civil and Rent.)

Statement showing the general result of the trial of Civil and Revenue (Rent) cases in the Courts of Original Jurisdiction in the Province of Oudh in the year 1882.

PART II.—Miscellaneous Cases.

Classes of Courts.	Total number of cases before the Courts.	Number of cases disposed of										Pending at the close of year.	Number of cases pending more than three months at the end of the year.	Average duration of cases.		Remarks.
		Transferred to Courts in other Provinces.	Without trial.	Without contest.				On reference to arbitration		With contest.				Contested.	Uncontested.	
				Compromised.	Decreed on confession.	Decreed ex-parte.	Dismissed ex-parte.	For plaintiff.	For defendant.	Judgment for plaintiff in whole or part.	Judgment for defendant.					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
I.—Civil Courts.																
Unpaid tribunals	218	...	59	5	23	7	3	1	...	62	34	24	12	30·00	38·87	
Paid subdivisional tribunals	3,600	1	780	140	171	123	74	1	5	1,124	852	260	25	21·00	17·83	
Small Cause Courts	317	...	125	21	5	7	1	...	...	71	84	3	...	7·96	3·77	
District Courts other than Chief Courts of districts	2,025	...	256	65	3	44	22	1	1	916	594	123	13	19·64	16·10	
Chief Courts of districts	893	...	100	6	4	117	115	...	...	258	197	96	19	41·76	35·88	
Total ...	7,053	1	1,320	237	206	298	215	3	6	2,491	1,761	515	69	29·40	13·50	
II.—Revenue (Rent) Courts.																
Unpaid local tribunals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Paid subdivisional tribunals	9,133	...	769	630	410	3,365	81	40	5	3,293	419	121	...	10·46	24·22	
Other Subordinate Courts	6,520	...	1,147	190	92	1,163	106	...	...	2,245	1,357	220	18	29·47	26·81	
District Courts	219	...	50	8	4	3	4	...	...	78	70	2	...	24·57	26·86	
Total ...	15,872	...	1,966	828	506	4,531	191	40	5	5,616	1,846	343	18	22·79	24·99	
Grand Total ...	22,925	1	3,286	1,065	712	4,829	406	43	11	8,107	3,607	858	87	22·76	23·90	

IMPERIAL RETURN No. X.—(Civil and Rent.)

Statement showing the business of the Civil and Revenue (Rent) Appellate Courts of the Province of Oudh in the year 1882.

PART I.—Appeals from Decrees.

Class of Courts.	Total number of appeals before the Courts.	Transferred to Courts in other Provinces.	Appeals summarily rejected.	Dismissed for default or otherwise not prosecuted	*Heard ex-parte.*				*Contested.*				Pending.	Of those pending more than three months.	Average duration of appeals	Objections under section 561, Act X. of 1877.	Remarks.
					Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded.	Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded.					
1	2.	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.																	
Appeals from original decrees.																	
A Civil Courts.																	
Chief Appellate Courts other than Chief Courts of districts ...	693	1	4	33	14	1	1	1	368	55	80	104	31	1	102·82	...	
Chief Appellate Courts of districts	4,318	1	61	164	37	7	10	7	2,201	274	506	308	742	267	94·40	64	
Superior Appellate Courts other than Chief Court of Province ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Total ...	5,011	2	65	197	51	8	11	8	2,569	329	586	412	773	268	95·67	64	
B. Revenue (Rent) Courts.																	
Collectors Appellate Courts	1,613	...	28	76	16	2	5	1	798	191	267	126	108	6	28·07	2	
Commissioners Appellate Courts	1,816	2	25	54	76	...	27	1	877	51	346	107	250	170	56·27	2	
Total ...	3,429	2	48	130	92	2	32	2	1,675	242	613	233	358	176	42·45	4	
Courts at the Presidency or seat of Government.																	
Chief Court of Province. Appeals from original decrees ... Civil ...	95	...	5	2	...	2	...	...	28	6	14	4	34	20	177·7	2	
Rent ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Appeals from appellate decrees ... Civil ...	525	...	104	3	2	...	2	...	101	20	68	...	225	166	103·7	4	
Rent ...	394	...	129	7	12	2	4	...	102	9	31	...	98	41	93·1	...	
Total ...	1,014	...	238	12	14	4	6	...	231	35	113	4	357	227	90·62	6	
Grand Total ...	9,454	4	351	339	157	14	49	10	4,475	606	1,312	649	1,488	671	74·74	74	

IMPERIAL RETURN No. X.—(CIVIL AND RENT.)

Statement showing the business of the Civil and Revenue (Rent) Appellate Courts of the province of Oudh in the year 1882.

PART II.—MISCELLANEOUS.

Class of Courts.	Total number of appeals before the courts.	Transferred to courts in other provinces.	Appeals summarily rejected.	Dismissed for default or otherwise not prosecuted.	Heard ex-parte.				Contested.				Pending.	Of these pending more than three months.	Average duration of appeals.	Objections under section 561, Act X of 1877.	Remarks.
					Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded.	Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded.					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.																	
APPEALS FROM ORIGINAL DECREES.																	
A.—Civil Courts.																	
Chief Appellate Courts other than Chief Courts of districts ...	13	...	...	1	2	...	...	...	6	...	...	4	...	...	56·80	...	
Chief Appellate Courts of districts	221	...	10	11	8	...	1	...	100	4	45	12	30	5	64·61	1	
Superior Appellate Courts other than Chief Court of province,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Total ...	234	...	10	12	10	...	1	...	106	4	45	16	30	5	64·08	1	
B.—Revenue (Rent) Courts.																	
Collectors Appellate Courts	97	...	7	1	9	...	1	...	49	4	20	5	1	...	23·26	...	
Commissioners Appellate Courts	124	2	2	4	5	...	3	2	33	3	13	11	47	33	49·44	...	
Total ...	221	2	9	5	14	...	3	2	82	7	33	16	48	38	34·74	...	
Courts at the Presidency or seat of Government.																	
Chief Court of Province { Appeals from original decrees, Civil ...	41	...	12	...	2	...	...	...	9	...	4	...	14	9	87·5	...	
{ Appeals from appellate decrees, { Civil ...	66	...	17	...	1	...	...	...	11	...	14	...	23	12	105·9	...	
{ Rent ...	39	...	6	1	3	...	...	...	9	1	7	...	12	8	105·5	...	
Total ...	146	...	35	1	6	...	...	...	29	1	25	...	49	29	100·7	...	
GRAND TOTAL ...	601	2	54	18	30	...	4	2	217	12	103	32	127	67	60·99	1	

IMPERIAL STATEMENT No. XI—(Civil and Rent.)

Statement showing the result of proceedings on applications for the execution of the decrees of the Civil and Revenue (Rent) Courts in the Province of Oudh in the year 1882.

Class of Courts.	Total number of applications for the execution of decree before the Courts.	Applications disposed of				Pending at the end of the year.	Number of applications pending more than three months at the close of the year.	Amount realized.		Number of applications.											Remarks.
		By transfer.	Satisfaction obtained in full.	Satisfaction obtained in part.	Wholly infructuous.			With the issue of process.	Without the issue of process.	On which the judgment-debtor was imprisoned.	On which he was arrested, but released without imprisonment.	On which moveable property.		On which immoveable property.			On which possession was given.		On which specific performance was enforced.	On which partition was effected.	On which execution was effected otherwise than the preceding columns.	
												Was sold.	Was attached, but subsequently released.	Was sold.	Was dealt with under sections 306, 322, or 326, Act X. of 1877.	Was attached but subsequently released under section 276.	Of moveables.	Of immoveables.				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
								Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.													
Courts in the Interior.																						
I.—Civil Courts.																						
Unpaid tribunals	1,154	43	533	124	347	107	26	11,647 6 9	855 1 6	5	19	165	234	31	...	25	3	27	1	...	32	
Paid sub-divisional tribunals ...	14,911	267	6,103	2,083	4,748	1,710	555	2,27,768 14 0	9,977 15 9	62	126	1,479	2,580	419	24	523	16	1,172	105	10	2,034	
Small Cause Courts	5,070	311	1,550	1,176	1,931	102	1	46,510 8 11	17,412 2 6	80	64	143	91	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,196	
District Courts	8,795	197	3,421	1,153	2,946	1,078	332	4,30,090 5 10	33,827 10 0	55	74	737	1,517	241	11	311	13	578	12	1	1,312	
Chief Courts of Districts ...	196	9	62	24	42	59	33	1,21,969 0 2	58,239 3 1	1	...	8	9	10	...	10	1	14	2	...	26	
Total ...	30,126	827	11,669	4,560	10,014	3,056	950	8,37,986 8 8	1,20,312 0 10	203	283	2,532	1,431	701	35	869	33	1,791	120	11	5,600	
II.—Revenue (Rent) Courts.																						
Unpaid local tribunals ...	27	...	17	1	6	3	2	669 8 0	...	...	1	7	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	
Other Sub-Courts	5,854	13	3,087	711	1,709	348	33	55,967 13 5½	3,074 14 6	57	80	645	1,760	108	...	153	1	10	3	...	1,081	
District Courts	7,506	35	2,905	1,218	2,306	1,042	258	1,93,708 0 4	11,017 2 9	104	90	964	1,362	321	60	232	4	102	14	...	1,104	
Chief Courts of Districts ...	55	1	30	4	19	1	1	5,508 7 6	12,537 15 6	...	...	3	14	2	1	6	...	1	...	...	7	
Total ...	13,442	49	6,039	1,934	4,031	1,389	294	2,55,853 13 3½	26,630 0 9	161	171	1,619	3,139	431	61	391	5	113	17	...	2,199	
Grand Total ...	43,568	876	17,708	6,494	14,045	4,445	1,344	10,93,840 0 11½	1,46,942 1 7	364	454	4,151	4,570	1,132	96	1,260	38	1,904	137	11	7,799	

IMPERIAL RETURN No. XII.—(CIVIL.)

Proceedings in insolvency under Chapter XX. Act X. of 1877, in the districts of the Province of Oudh, during the year 1882, showing the number and result of applications under section 344 and the number of insolvents before the court.

PART I.—(CIVIL.)

District.	APPLICATIONS FOR DECLARATION OF INSOLVENCY.														PERSONS DECLARED TO BE INSOLVENTS.								Remarks.
	NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS DEALT WITH						APPLICATIONS DISPOSED OF.								NUMBER OF INSOLVENTS BEFORE THE COURT.				DISPOSED OF				
	Filed during the year.						Granted.		Rejected.												Discharged.		
	Pending from last year.	By Judgment-debtor. Under arrest or imprisonment.	By Judgment-debtor. Not under arrest or imprisonment.	By decree-holder.	Received by transfer.	Total.	Transferred.	Withdrawn or otherwise not prosecuted.	A receiver being appointed.	A receiver not being appointed.	Penal proceedings under section 359 not being taken.	Sentence of imprisonment being passed under Section 359.	Applicant being sent to the Magistrate to be dealt with.	Total.	Pending at close of year.	Remaining at close of previous year.	Declared to be insolvents during year.	Received by transfer.	Total.	Transferred.	Died.	Under section 351.	Under section 355.	Remaining at close of year.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Lucknow ...	3	10	5	...	...	18	...	2	1	1	13	...	...	17	1	8	2	...	5	...	...	1	3	1	
Sitapur ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Fyzabad ...	1	1	6	...	...	8	...	6	1	1	...	...	...	8	...	...	2	...	2	...	...	1	1	...	
Rae Bareli ...	...	...	2	...	...	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Total ...	4	11	13	...	...	28	...	9	2	2	13	...	...	26	2	3	4	...	7	...	...	2	4	1	

IMPERIAL RETURN No. XII.—(CIVIL.)

Proceedings in insolvency under Chapter XX., Act X. of 1877 in the districts of the Province of Oudh during the year 1882, showing the number of estates in the hands of receivers and the progress made in winding up.

PART II.—(CIVIL.)

Districts.	*Number of insolvents' estates in the hands of receivers.*				*Amount of creditors' claims dealt with during the year.*					*Amount of insolvents' assets realized and outstanding.*				Remarks.
	Remaining at close of last year	Placed in charge of a receiver during the year.	Number of estates in regard to which proceedings were finally closed during the year.	Remaining at close of year.	Unsatisfied and pending at close of previous year.	Admitted.	Disallowed.	Satisfied.	Unsatisfied and pending at close of year.	Amount of realised assets in the hands of receivers at close of previous year.	Gross amount realised during the year.	Total amount of disbursements.	Amount remaining in the hands of receivers at close of year.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
					Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	
Lucknow	3	1	3	1	2,208 6 3	2,508 5 6	...	410 1 2	...	118 12 0	157 3 0	268 5 9	7 14 3	
Sitapur	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Fyzabad	...	1	...	1	5,918 9 7	879 8 0	5,918 9 7	...	879 8 0	37 10 1	...	37 10 1	...	
Rae Bareli	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Total ...	3	2	3	2	8,126 15 10	3,387 13 6	5,918 9 7	410 1 2	879 8 0	156 6 1	157 3 0	305 15 10	7 14 3	

PROVINCIAL RETURN No. VII.—(CIVIL.)

Showing the number and description of civil suits instituted in the District Courts of the Province of Oudh during the year 1882.

District.	*Suits for money or movable property.*										*Title and other suits.*																				
	Contract in writing.	Contract not in writing.	On account stated.	Money had and received.	Goods sold.	Wages, work and material.	Breach of contract not mentioned above	Rent not falling under the Rent Law.	Movable property or value thereof.	Damages.	Immovable property.	Declaratory decrees.	Other suits under the specific Relief Act.	To declare and establish right to real property including pre-emption, foreclosure, &c.	To declare and establish personal rights.	For an account.	Religious endowment.	To set aside judgments, contracts or obligations on the ground of fraud.	Dissolution of marriage.	Enforcement of matrimonial rights.	Partition.	Shipping.	Religion and caste.	Administration.	Inter-pleader.	Dissolution of partnership.	Under section 261, Act X. of 1865 (also Hindu Wills Act).	Other suits not falling under any of the previous heads.	Total.
Provincial 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Imperial 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	...
Lucknow	3,311	1,848	737	293	275	180	226	113	1,366	617	1,298	50	26	235	25	14	...	26	2	80	12	...	5	...	...	...	...	122	10,861
Small Cause Court, City Lucknow ...	1,148	602	876	6	1,198	431	134	298	245	76	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5,014
Ditto Cantonment ditto ...	79	47	105	7	93	42	...	30	4	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	410
Sitapur	3,363	2,939	946	233	604	236	371	160	1,479	333	733	42	11	109	31	7	...	17	7	44	19	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	11,817
Fyzabad	3,905	3,232	923	514	1,427	160	690	123	1,182	796	1,471	168	41	198	19	7	1	77	2	82	44	...	2	...	...	7	...	131	15,151
Small Cause Court, Cantonment ...	48	36	21	8	57	17	7	2	20	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	80	224
Rae Bareli	3,228	990	822	247	125	44	176	73	1,169	473	1,890	99	41	121	13	2	...	39	2	27	4	...	2	...	...	...	...	78	9,573
Judicial Commissioner ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Total ...	15,082	9,694	4,430	1,308	3,779	1,110	1,604	799	5,465	2,306	5,302	359	119	663	88	30	1	159	14	233	79	...	9	...	...	7	...	411	53,051

PROVINCIAL RETURN No. VII 2.—CIVIL.

Showing the number of Small Cause Court suits instituted in the Courts of Sub-Judges in the Province of Oudh during the year 1882.

Classes of Courts, and names of Officers.	*Suits for money or movable property.*										*Title and other suits.*																		
	Contract in writing.	Contract not in writing.	On account stated.	Money had and received.	Goods sold.	Wages, work and materials.	Breach of contract not mentioned above.	Rent not falling under the rent law.	Movable property or value thereof.	Damages.	Immovable property.	Declaratory decree.	Other suits under the Specific Relief Act.	To declare and establish rights to real property, including pre-emption, foreclosure, &c.	To declare and establish personal rights.	For an account.	Religious endowment.	To set aside judgments contracts or obligations on the ground of fraud.	Dissolution of marriage.	Enforcement of matrimonial rights.	Partition.	Shipping.	Religion and caste.	Administration.	Inter-pleader.	Dissolution of partnership.	Under section 261, Act X. of 1865 (also Hindu Wills Act).	Other suits not falling under any of the previous heads.	Total.	Remarks.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Sub-Judges.																														
Mirza Kalb Ali Khan, Unao	298	246	51	24	54	25	27	9	72	39	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	845	
Major J. R. Marett, Bara Banki	142	65	47	3	14	15	9	3	58	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	368	
Saiyid Muhammad Ahmad, Sitapur ...	9	12	2	2	4	5	1	44	6	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	90	
Munshi Safdar Hosein Khan, Hardoi ...	325	330	86	14	...	4	86	5	233	21	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,104	
Rae Sheo Sahai, Kheri	25	44	5	1	...	...	...	...	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	97	
Rae Narain Das, Fyzabad	...	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	
Rae Sheo Sahai, ditto	22	2	15	21	1	...	1	...	17	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	86	
Mr. H. H. Butts, ditto	1	1	2	1	...	...	...	...	4	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	
Pandit Sham Narain, Gonda	366	404	96	71	92	33	20	4	72	27	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,235	
Rae Dhowkal Parshad, Bahraich	729	581	180	30	433	9	135	33	101	27	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,263	
Saiyid Gholam Haidar, Sultanpur	357	159	198	74	...	19	28	10	224	81	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,150	
Pandit Hari Kishen, Partabgarh	111	22	30	10	...	...	5	1	40	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	228	
Total	2,396	1,867	714	251	603	110	312	109	839	273	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	7,479	

PROVINCIAL RETURN No. VII.—RENT.

Showing the number and description of rent suits instituted in the Courts of the Districts of the province of Oudh during the year 1882.

Districts.	Suits under the Rent Law.								
	Arrears of rent with or without ejectment or cancelment of lease.	Enhancement or abatement of rent.	Relating to distraint.	Damages for extortion or witholding receipts or on account of illegal distraint or other cause.	For pattas or kabuliyats.	For ejectment or recovery of possession.	For recovery of money or accounts from agents.	All other suits under the Rent Law not included above.	Total.
Lucknow ...	1,393	9	2	2	1	14	5	578	2,004
Unao ...	2,312	12	...	17	...	1,402	102	555	4,400
Bara Banki ...	1,288	5	6	21	...	42	2	1,043	2,407
Sitapur ...	476	1	6	11	1	180	7	164	796
Hardoi ...	1,788	2	11	9	...	16	...	2,179	4,005
Kheri ...	572	...	1	23	...	98	2	74	770
Fyzabad ...	1,927	25	49	4	2	41	30	2,044	4,122
Gonda ...	2,099	5	3	9	3	39	6	1,934	4,098
Bahraich ...	1,034	...	...	12	...	88	...	229	1,963
Rae Bareli ...	1,619	6	3	11	1	41	...	919	2,600
Sultanpur ...	2,181	2	184	29	2	44	18	2,044	4,504
Partabgarh ...	1,462	...	91	16	1	21	1	1,450	3,042
Total ...	18,751	67	356	164	11	1,976	173	13,213	34,711

PROVINCIAL RETURN No. VIII. 1.—(CIVIL.)

Showing number and value of suits instituted in the Civil Courts of the Province of Oudh during the year 1882.

Districts.	Number of suits instituted in the different Courts.									Total value of suits.	Remarks.
	Not exceeding Rs. 10.	Not exceeding Rs. 50.	Not exceeding Rs. 100.	Not exceeding Rs. 500.	Not exceeding Rs. 1,000.	Not exceeding Rs. 5,000.	Not exceeding Rs. 10,000	Exceeding Rs. 1,00,000.	Number of suits the value of which cannot be estimated in money.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
										Rs. a. p.	
Lucknow ...	3,027	4,752	1,358	1,112	192	209	23	26	162	80,66,982 6 11	
Small Cause Court, City, Lucknow.	2,349	1,876	367	422	...	...	...	.	...	1,68,423 11 9	
Small Cause Court, Cantonment, Lucknow.	203	163	23	21	...	...	...	.	...	10,813 13 11	
Sitapur ...	3,697	5,424	1,302	1,017	161	110	32	1	73	10,94,294 0 0	
Fyzabad ...	5,473	6,691	1,505	1,126	144	68	11	13	115	51,50,088 4 11	
Small Cause Court, Cantonment, Fyzabad.	82	111	15	16	...	...	...	...	...	7,512 7 0	
Rae Bareli ...	2,553	4,465	1,178	1,000	152	119	17	13	76	10,93,772 7 2	
Judicial Commissioner ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	
Total ...	17,384	23,482	5,748	4,714	649	506	83	58	427	1,05,91,887 3 8	

PROVINCIAL RETURN No. VIII. 2 (CIVIL.)

Showing the number and value of Small Cause Court suits instituted in the Sub-Judges' Courts of the Province of Oudh during the year 1882.

Class of courts and names of officers.	Number of suits instituted in the Courts.									Total value of suits.	Remarks.
	Not exceeding Rs. 10.	Not exceeding Rs. 50.	Not exceeding Rs. 100.	Not exceeding Rs. 500.	Not exceeding Rs. 1,000.	Not exceeding Rs. 5,000.	Not exceeding Rs. 10,000.	Exceeding Rs. 1,00,000.	Number of suits, the value of which cannot be estimated in money.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
SUB-JUDGES.										Rs. a. p.	
Mirza Kalb Ali Khan, Unao ...	253	428	99	60	..	..	...	...	...	29,760 1 7	
Major Marett, Bara Banki ...	110	156	58	44	..	...	...	...	...	20,859 7 7	
Saiyid Mahomed Ahmad, Sitapur,	41	41	6	...	.	.	.	2	.	1,565 0 0	
Rae Sheo Sahai, Kheri ...	12	11	4	4	1	.	...	...	...	2,111 0 0	
Munshi Safdar Hosein Khan, Hardoi	276	585	139	104	..	...	...	...	...	47,077 0 0	
Rae Narain Das, Fyzabad ...	3	...	...	...	...	.	.	...	...	23 13 6	
Rae Sheo Sahai, do. ...	41	32	5	8	...	...	...	...	...	2,955 14 7	
Mr. Butts do. ...	4	4	2	...	.	...	...	...	...	261 0 9	
Rae Dhokul Prasad, Bahraich ...	1,060	946	132	116	...	...	...	...	...	63,565 4 7	
Pandit Shsm Narain, Gonda ...	455	612	113	55	...	...	...	...	...	35,324 5 0	
Saiyid Ghulam Haidar, Sultanpur,	438	530	123	59	...	...	...	...	...	34,718 0 0	
Pandit Hari Kishen, Partabgarh,	69	115	30	14	...	...	...	...	...	7,005 5 10	
Total ...	2,776	3,460	711	464	1	...	...	...	2	2,45,826 5 5	

PROVINCIAL RETURN No. VIII.—(RENT.)

Showing number and value of suits instituted in the Rent Courts in the Province of Oudh during the year 1882.

Districts.	Number of suits instituted in the different Courts.									
	Not exceeding Rs. 10.	Not exceeding Rs. 50.	Not exceeding Rs. 100.	Not exceeding Rs. 500.	Not exceeding Rs. 1,000.	Not exceeding Rs. 5,000.	Not exceeding Rs. 10,000.	Exceeding Rs. 1,00,000.	Number of suits the value of which cannot be estimated in money.	Total value of suits.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.		Rs. a. p.
Lucknow ...	961	842	141	47	9	4		...	...	56,158 14 10
Unao	1,887	1,824	497	182	10	...	...	...	...	1,01,934 1 10
Bara Banki ...	947	1,105	202	129	20	4	...	...	...	82,825 4 9
Sitapur ...	283	377	68	46	11	3	...	...	8	40,059 7 11
Hardoi ...	1,906	1,681	268	92	3	4	...	...	51	91,217 6 1
Kheri	373	291	58	42	3	3	...	...	...	27,790 14 10
Fyzabad ...	1,890	1,675	348	158	19	12	...	...	20	1,00,365 11 5
Gonda... ...	1,950	1,715	295	121	14	3	...	...	...	1,20,861 1 1
Bahraich ...	857	821	137	125	15	8	...	...	...	95,578 8 2
Rae Bareli ...	1,019	1,227	252	86	5	9	1	...	1	94,381 10 7
Sultanpur ...	2,284	1,757	289	147	11	12	...	...	4	1,12,576 6 4
Partabgarh ...	1,198	1,390	252	181	19	2	...	...	...	1,04,628 10 6
Total ...	15,555	14,705	2,807	1,356	139	64	1	...	84	10,28,433 2 4

PROVINCIAL RETURN No. IX.-1.—(CIVIL.)

Showing the general result of the trial of civil suits in the Courts of Original Jurisdiction in the Province of Oudh during the year 1882.

PART I.—CIVIL SUITS.

Districts.	Number of suits before the Courts.							Number of suits disposed of											Pending at close of 1882.	Average duration of suits in days.		Number of cases under Rs. 100 in value in which pleaders' fees were awarded.	Value of smallest suit in which so awarded.	Highest number of adjournments in any decided case.	Average number of adjournments.	Pending more than three months.	Date of oldest pending case in each Court.
								Transferred to other courts.	Without trial.			Without contest.				On reference to arbitration.		With contest.										
	Pending from last year.	Instituted in 1882.	Received by transfer from other courts.	Remanded under section 562, Act X. of 1877.	Reviews under section 626.	Revived under section 99, 103, 108, or 371.	Total for disposal.		Plaints rejected or returned.	Dismissed for default or want of prosecution.	Withdrawn with leave.	Compromised.	Decreed on confession.	Decreed *ex-parte*.	Dismissed *ex-parte*.	For plaintiff.	For defendant.	Judgment for plaintiff in whole or part.	Judgment for defendant.	Total disposed of omitting transfers. Columns 10 to 20.		Contested (columns 17 to 20.)	Uncontested (columns 10 to 16.)						
Provincial. 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Imperial. 1	...	...	..	...	...	...	2	3		4	...	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	...	13	15	16	-	..	..		14	17
Lucknow	634	10,861	...	64	24	125	11,708	..	160	1,629	65	1,099	1,853	852	197	96	37	3,167	1,856	10,951	757	39·08	22·51	20	13 0 0	19	1·25	107	4th May, 1882
Judge, Small Cause Court, City Lucknow.	181	5,014	...	1	...	36	5,232	2	37	332	14	311	1,324	1,356	20	3	...	1,179	483	5,009	221	11·93	13·03	39	2 12 0	7	1·16	...	3rd Oct., 1882
Judge, Small Cause Court, Cantonment Lucknow.	2	410	...	...	2	4	418		6	34	4	23	79	136	...	1	...	97	45	416	2	10·61	14·33	1	57 0 0	7	·17	1	1st Sept., 1882
Sitapur	884	11,817	4	74	27	144	12,950	...	222	2,373	967	1,314	1,703	1,265	163	109	37	2,534	1,482	12,165	785	27·53	15·70	25	10 0 0	25	...	89	1st Feb., 1882.
Fyzabad	3,027	15,151	...	55	79	252	18,564	...	243	2,788	577	2,115	1,733	1,228	427	96	17	3,228	2,334	14,786	3,776	105·43	63·66	46	7 0 0	40	...	2,133	31st Aug., 1880
Judge, Small Cause Court, Cantonment Fyzabad.	2	224	...	...	...	6	232	.	3	45	12	14	25	27	5	...	...	52	49	232	...	13·62	13·60	...	...	4	·11	...	...
Rae Bareli	528	9,573	...	253	36	218	10,608	..	198	1,342	448	824	1,281	1,146	151	114	43	2,632	1,409	9,588	1,020	49·08	27 73	3	7 8 0	19	...	181	11th Feb., 1882
Judicial Commissioner,	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	119·	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	5,258	53,051	4	447	168	785	59,713	2	869	8,548	2,087	5,700	7,989	6,010	963	410	134	12,830	7,608	53,148	6,563	54·34	32·24	139	2 12 0	40	...	2,511	31st Aug., 1880.

PROVINCIAL RETURN No. IX.-2.—(CIVIL).

Statement showing the general result of the trial of Small Cause Court suits in the Courts of Sub-Judges during the year 1882.

PART I.

Classes of courts and names of officers.	Number of suits before the courts							Number of suits disposed of												Average duration of suits in days.									
								Without trial.			Without contest.			On reference to arbitration.		With contest.				Uncontested, columns 10 to 16.		Contested columns 17 to 20.							
	Pending from last year.	Instituted in 1882.	Received by transfer from other courts.	Remanded under section 562, Act XIV. of 1882	Reviews under section 626.	Revived under section 99, 103, 108, or 371.	Total for disposal.	Transferred to other courts.	Plaints rejected or returned.	Dismissed for default or want of prosecution.	Withdrawn with leave.	Compromised.	Decreed on confession.	Decreed ex-parte.	Dismissed ex-parte.	For plaintiff.	For defendant.	Judgment for plaintiff in whole or part.	Judgment for defendant.	Total disposed of, omitting transfers, columns 10 to 20.	Pending at close of 1882.	Total number of days.	Average.	Total number of days.	Average.	Number of cases under Rs. 100 in value in which pleaders' fees were awarded.	Value of smallest suit in which so awarded.	Highest number of adjournments in any decided case.	Average number of adjournments.	Pending more than 3 months.	Date of oldest pending case in each court.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32
Sub-Judges.																															
Mirza Kalb Ali Khan, Unao ...	...	845	...	1	...	6	852	...	9	158	3	121	244	46	10	4	...	129	165	829	23	16,178	27·37	4,145	17·41	2	50	6	0 29	...	
Major Marett, Bara Banki ...	8	368	...	...	2	8	386	...	15	46	3	29	100	25	7	3	...	53	86	367	19	7,715	34·28	5,556	39·12	5	20	9	0·49	...	
Saiyid Mahomed Ahmad, Sitapur...	63	90	...	...	...	2	155	...	1	24	1	16	10	17	2	2	...	56	24	153	2	661	9 31	968	11 76	...	...	15	3 2	...	
Munshi Safdar Hosein Khan, Hardoi	21	1,104	...	...	...	8	1,133	...	2	235	3	218	151	123	2	7	3	220	126	1,090	43	3,958	5·39	9,702	29·25	...	...	4	·04	...	
Rae Sheo Sahai, Kheri ...	33	97	...	...	...	...	130	...	...	53	23	8	22	5	2	...	...	12	5	130	...	2,296	20·31	598	35 17	...	...	...	...	...	
Mr. H. H. Butte, Fyzabad ...	9	10	...	...	...	...	19	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	2	4	} 46	67	67·	466	155·33	...	...	2	·75	...	
Rae Sheo Sahai, Fyzabad ...	...	86	...	...	...	...	86	...	3	3	3	4	3	...	1	...	...	6	6	26		869	62 07	893	74·41	...	...	2	·12	2	
Rae Narain Das, ditto ...	...	3	...	...	...	...	3	...	3	9	...	2	1	1	...	...	...	6	10	32		1,222	76·37	1,588	99·25	...	...	4	69	...	
Pandit Sham Narain, Gonda ...	440	1,235	...	...	...	...	1,675	...	6	81	26	284	129	110	13	4	...	164	81	903	772	74,085	113·27	32,693	131·29	...	...	7	55	542	
Rae Dhokul Pershad, Bahraich ...	56	2,263	...	...	13	20	2,352	...	10	564	118	315	379	193	48	3	...	363	259	2,252	100	37,907	23·29	7,693	12·30	...	...	12	44	9	
Saiyid Ghulam Haidar, Sultanpur	86	1,150	...	...	1	3	1,190	...	12	161	21	196	148	169	19	5	...	233	158	1,122	68	19,942	27·46	12,622	31 87	...	...	5	·	2	
Pandit Hari Kishen, Partabgarh ...	...	228	...	2	...	6	236	...	8	16	17	4	36	27	2	9	...	73	12	204	32	1,829	16·62	2,024	21·53	...	...	4	...	...	
Total ...	656	7,479	...	3	16	53	8,217	...	66	1,350	215	1,197	1,223	716	112	37	3	1,316	874	7,112	1,105	1,66,729	34 15	78,943	35·40	7	20	15	...	558	

PROVINCIAL RETURN No. IX.—(RENT.)

Showing the general result of the trial of rent suits in the Courts of Original Jurisdiction in the Province of Oudh during the year 1882.

PART I.—RENT SUITS.

Districts.	Number of suits before the Courts							Number of suits disposed of												Pending at close of 1882.	Average duration of suits in days.		Number of cases under Rs. 100 in value in which pleader's fees were awarded	Value of smallest suit in which so awarded.	Highest number of adjournments in any decided case	Average number of adjournment.	Pending more than 3 months.	Date of oldest pending case in each court.
								Transferred to other courts.	Without trial.			Without contest.				On reference to arbitration.		With contest.										
	Pending from last year.	Instituted in 1882.	Received by transfer from other Courts.	Remanded under section 562, Act X of 1877.	Reviews under section 623.	Reviewed under sec. 99, 103, 108 or 371.	Total for disposal.		Plaints rejected or returned	Dismissal for default or want of prosecution	Withdrawn with leave	Compromised.	Decreed on confession.	Decreed exparte	Dismissed exparte.	For plaintiff.	For defendant.	Judgment for plaintiff in whole or part.	Judgment for defendant.	Total disposed of, omitting transfers, columns 10 to 20		Contested (columns 17 to 20).	Uncontested (columns 10 to 16).						
Provincial 1.	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Imperial 1.							2	3		4		5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12		13	15	16					14	17
																									Rs. a. p.				
Lucknow ...	54	2,004	...	4	25	21	2,108	...	13	155	44	132	433	209	12	2	...	816	242	2,058	50	18·48	17·71	7	6 0 0	9	·49	...	2nd Oct., 1882
Unao ...	195	4,400	...	24	25	47	4,691	...	8	710	93	203	580	573	92	3	1	1,660	618	4,541	150	32·90	23·64	...	...	...	15	·31	4	6th Sep., 1882.
Bara Banki,	67	2,407	...	8	16	41	2,539	...	24	270	143	45	239	309	78	1	...	971	388	2,466	73	32·09	25 49	13	1 0 0	6	·21	1	29th Aug., 1882.
Sitapur ...	10	796	...	1	9	16	832	...	10	77	17	92	115	81	20	1	6	292	101	812	20	23 91	19·10	6	6 4 0	10	...	...	30th Oct., 1882
Hardoi ...	129	4,005	...	19	23	44	4,220	...	5	677	267	295	424	584	140	10	...	1 452	561	4,115	105	70·43	46·17	89	3 12 0	13	·66	2	19th Sep., 1882.
Kheri ...	17	770	...	...	10	35	832	...	43	120	46	61	85	85	31	3	1	252	97	824	8	20 78	14·02	7	2 13 0	13	·61	1	4th Nov., 1882.
Fyzabad ...	145	4,122	...	23	32	87	4,409	...	34	425	78	171	251	584	212	1	...	1,723	882	4,366	43	27·09	23 20	1	36 6 0	18	·97	4	22nd Sep., 1882.
Gonda ...	194	4,098	...	41	21	116	4,470	...	55	544	109	178	139	702	188	12	1	1,459	862	4,249	221	35 05	36·05	...	...	12	...	24	3rd Aug., 1882.
Bahraich ...	7	1,963	...	19	16	131	2,136	...	15	282	113	77	377	347	58	5	...	656	158	2,088	48	25·89	21·42	...	...	9	·51	5	2nd Sep., 1882.
Rae Bareli...	99	2,600	...	7	12	63	2,781	...	30	216	169	94	450	479	55	3	...	794	416	2,709	72	26 11	18·12	1	40 C 0	19	·60	7	19th May, 1882.
Sultanpur ...	224	4,504	...	26	16	67	4,837	...	21	454	77	286	452	838	79	11	2	1,699	809	4,728	109	26·46	27·30	...	...	26	·64	3	19th July, 1882.
Partabgarh,	175	3,042		22	8	63	3,310	...	17	406	210	152	216	565	132	7	1	917	512	3,135	175	36 73	34·05	40	2 0 0	14	1·1	46	15th May, 1882.
Total ...	1,316	34,711	...	194	213	731	37,165	...	275	4,336	1,386	1,786	3,761	5,356	1,098	59	12	12,396	5,646	36,091	1,074	33 21	28·07	164	1 0 0	26	...	97	15th May, 1882.

PROVINCIAL RETURN No. IX.—(CIVIL)

Showing the general result of the trial of Civil cases in the Courts of Original Jurisdiction of the District of the Province of Oudh during the year 1882.

PART II.—MISCELLANEOUS CASES.

District.	Suits remaining from last year.	Instituted in 1882.	Received otherwise.				Total for disposal.	Transferred to other Courts.	Disposed of										Total of columns 10 to 20, i.e., disposed of (omitting transfers.)	Pending at close of 1882.	Average duration of cases in days.		Number of cases under Rs. 100 in value, in which plaintiff's fees were awarded.	Value of smallest suit in which so awarded.	Highest number of adjournments in any decided case.	Average number of adjournments.	Pending more than three months.	Date of oldest pending case in each Court.
			Received by transfer from other Courts.	Remanded under section 562, Act X. of 1877.	Reviews under section 626.	Revived under section 99, 103, 108 and 371.			Without trial.		Without contest.			On reference to arbitration.		With contest.				Average duration of cases in days.							
									Application rejected or returned.	Dismissed for default or want of prosecution	Withdrawn with leave.	Compromised.	Decreed on confession.	Decreed ex-parte.	Dismissed ex-parte.	For plaintiff.	For defendant.	Judgment for plaintiff in whole or part.	Judgment for defendant.			Contested columns 17 to 20.	Uncontested columns 10 to 16.						
Provincial 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Imperial 1	...	...	...	...	...	..	2	3	...	4	...	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	...	13	15	16	...	...	...	...	14	17
																									Rs.				
Lucknow	92	1,830	4	10	21	41	1,998	1	199	161	7	52	62	94	47	...	...	738	490	1,850	147	24·02	13·71	1	85	11	00·63	12	7th April, 1881.
Judge, S. C. C., City Lucknow	1	286	...	1	...	...	288	...	111	5	...	20	5	2	1	...	...	63	78	285	3	7 71	3·09	...	...	4	1·37	...	21st December, 1882.
Judge, S. C. C., Cantonment, Lucknow.	...	10	...	...	...	...	10	...	...	1	...	1	...	5	...	...	...	2	1	10	...	10·00	17·14	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sitapur	117	1,259	3	15	34	149	1,577	...	126	192	14	87	84	44	22	3	6	590	335	1,508	74	18·21	21 84	8	...	12	...	13	2nd March, 1882.
Fyzabad	122	1,577	...	...	...	...	1,999	...	126	124	10	34	33	92	124	...	...	653	586	1,782	217	23 84	27·19	...	...	11	...	33	5th December, 1881.
Judge, S. C. C., Cantonment Fyzabad.	...	19	...	...	...	...	19	...	6	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	5	19	...	10·00	4·37	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rae Bareli	73	1,086	...	...	...	3	1,162	...	126	90	20	43	22	61	21	...	...	439	266	1,038	74	26·25	26·12	3	16	14	...	11	6th June, 1882.
Total ..	405	6,367	7	26	55	193	7,053	1	694	575	51	237	206	298	215	3	6	2,491	1,761	6,537	515	29·40	13·50	12	16	14	...	69	7th April, 1881.

PROVINCIAL RETURN No. IX.-2—(CIVIL).

Showing the general result of the trial of Small Cause Court cases in the Courts of Sub-Judges during the year 1882.

PART. II.—MISCELLANEOUS. CASES.

Classes of Courts and names of Officers.	Suits remaining from last year.	Instituted in 1882.	Received otherwise.				Total for disposal.	Transferred to other Courts.	Disposed of										Pending at close of 1882.	Average duration of cases in days.				Number of cases under Rs 100 in value, in which pleader's fees were awarded	Value of smallest suit in which so awarded.	Highest number of adjournments in any decided case.	Average number of adjournments.	Pending more than three months.	Date of oldest pending case in each Court.
			Received by transfer to other Courts.	Remanded under section 562, Act XIV. of 1882.	Reviews under section 626.	Revived under section 99, 103 108 or 871.			Without trial.			Without contest.			On reference to arbitration.	With contest.		Total of columns 10 to 20, i.e., disposed of (omitting transfers.		Contested columns 17 to 20.		Uncontested columns 10 to 16.							
									Applications rejected or returned.	Dismissed for default or want of prosecution.	Withdrawn with leave.	Compromised.	Decreed on confession.	Decreed ex-parte.	Dismissed ex-parte.	For plaintiff.	For defendant.	Judgment for plaintiff in whole or part.	Judgment for defendant.			Total number of days.	Average.	Total number of days.	Average.						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32
Sub-Judges.																															
Munshi Safdar Hosein Khan, Hardoi ...	...	39	...	...	...	...	39	.	1	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	17	17	39	...	783	21·56	126	25·20	...	...	...	·20	...	...
Pandit Sham Narain, Gonda ...	...	32	...	...	...	...	32	..	1	3	..	6	...	...	...	...	...	19	8	28	4	381	18·38	280	28·	...	...	3	·1	...	...
Rai Dhowkal Parshad, Bahraich ...	3	209	...	...	...	...	212	...	...	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	79	129	207	5	1,549	7·78	60	7·50	...	...	3	·18	...	...
Saiyid Ghulam Haidar, Sultanpur ...	2	22	...	...	...	...	24	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	21	3	24	...	360	15·	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
Pandit Hari Kishen, Partabgarh ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	5	302	...	...	...	...	307	..	2	15	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	118	157	298	9	2,973	10·81	466	20·23	...	...	3	...	...	...

PROVINCIAL RETURN No. 1X.—RENT.

Showing the general result of the trial of Rent cases in the Courts of original jurisdiction of the Districts of the Province of Oudh during the year 1882.

PART II.—MISCELLANEOUS CASES.

Districts.	Suits remaining from last year.	Instituted in 1882.	Received otherwise.				Total for disposal.	Transferred to other Courts.	Disposed of.										Total of columns 10 to 20, i.e., disposed of (omitting transfers.)	Pending at close of 1882.	Average duration of cases in days.		Number of cases under Rs. 100 in value, in which pleaders' fees were awarded.	Value of smallest suit in which so awarded.	Highest number of adjournments in any decided case.	Average number of adjournments.	Pending more than 3 months.	Date of oldest pending case in each Court.
			Received by transfer from other Courts.	Remanded under section 562, Act X. of 1877.	Reviews under section 626	Revived under section 109, 108 or 371.			Without trial.			Without contest.			On reference to arbitration.		With contest.				Contested (columns 17 to 20.)	Uncontested, columns 10 to 16.						
									Applications rejected or returned.	Dismissed for default or want of prosecution	Withdrawn with leave.	Compromised.	Decreed on confession.	Decreed *ex-parte*.	Dismissed *ex-parte*.	For plaintiff.	For defendant.	Judgment for plaintiff in whole or part.	Judgment for defendant.										
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Provincial	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
Imperial 1	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	3	...	4	...	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	...	13	15	16	...	...	...	.	14	17	
																									Rs.					
Lucknow ...	4	408	...	...	5	1	418	...	11	54	29	91	2	28	7	...	...	98	92	412	6	15 43	10·53	...	...	5	00·36	.	28th November, 1882.
Unao ...	12	1,478	...	...	14	99	1,603	...	45	135	18	39	238	423	6	...	...	384	228	1,521	82	33 35	17 03	...	...	17	·29	...	27th June, 1882.
Bara Banki ...	15	1,139	...	1	14	81	1,250	...	25	73	14	17	3	536	3	...	...	434	137	1,242	8	9 15	15·21	...	...	2	·9	...	25th October, 1882.
Sitapur ...	24	447	...	...	...	2	473	...	21	36	4	15	51	123	14	...	...	140	59	463	10	28·34	15·56	...	...	7	1·61	1	19th Ditto.
Hardoi ...	22	1,164	...	...	10	20	1,216	...	52	116	133	37	60	194	9	...	...	424	146	1,201	15	18·84	18·01	...	...	6	0·51	1	15th June, 1882.
Kheri ...	12	314	...	...	5	3	334	...	39	47	3	7	5	63	7	...	...	143	14	328	6	13·64	13 64	4	3-2	8	·28	.	14th December, 1882.
Fyzabad ...	47	3,677	...	...	15	47	3,786	...	23	198	28	396	84	1,725	51	...	...	918	341	3 758	28	13·83	33·47	...	...	...	1·31	...	10th October, 1882.
Gonda ...	46	1,882	...	1	3	23	1,955	...	51	189	23	53	12	21	14	1	...	1,334	176	1,874	61	31 44	32·25	...	...	9	...	5	23rd September, 1882.
Bahraich ...	10	802	...	...	...	...	812	...	30	45	1	77	9	2	4	37	4	534	41	804	8	14 07	9·24	...	...	4	·19	.	9th November, 1882
Rae Bareli ...	9	678	...	4	5	27	723	...	13	49	10	12	26	310	13	2	1	176	98	710	13	25·44	12·71	2	...	11	·52	2	10th June, 1882.
Sultanpur ...	49	2,299	...	...	4	27	2,379	...	77	204	14	55	3	1,091	56	...	...	520	322	2,342	37	25·06	23 37	...	...	...	0·31	2	20th September, 1882.
Partabgarh ...	18	902	...	1	1	1	923	...	12	67	47	30	13	10	7	...	...	496	192	874	49	16·28	26·19	6	5-0	7	1·05	3	23rd July, 1882.
Total ...	268	15,190	...	7	76	331	15,872	...	399	1,213	354	828	506	4,531	191	40	5	5,616	1,846	15,529	343	22·79	24·99	12	3-2	17	...	18	10th June, 1882,

PROVINCIAL RETURN No. X.—(Civil and Rent).

Showing the business of the Civil Appellate Courts in the Province of Oudh during the year 1882.

PART I.—Appeals form Decrees.

Divisions.	Appeals remaining from last year.	Instituted.	*Otherwise received.*				Total for disposal.	Transferred to other Courts.	Appeals summarily rejected, section 551.	Dismissed for default, sections 556, 557 or otherwise not prosecuted.	*Heard* ex parte.				*Contested.*				Total disposed of omitting transfers.	Pending.	Pending more than three months.	Average duration of appeals in column 20.	Objections under section 561, Act X. of 1877.	Number of appeals below Rs. 100 in value, in which pleaders fees were awarded.	Value of smallest appeal, in which so awarded.	Average Number of adjournments.	Date of oldest pending appeal.
			Received by transfer from other Courts.	Remands under section 562.	Reviews under section 626, Act X. of 1877.	Revivals under sections 558, 560.					Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded under section 562.	Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded under section 562.									
Provincial, 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Imperial, 1							2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13		14	15	16	17				18
Rent.																									Rs a.p.		
Commissioner, Lucknow,	17	367	...	...	...	2	386	...	2	11	3	...	2	...	156	17	60	20	271	115	93	75·27	...	122	1 0 0	1·33	15th June, 1882
Ditto, Sitapur ...	13	202	...	...	...	...	215	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	126	15	54	13	210	5	...	32 78	...	...	...	·23	6th October, 1882.
Ditto, Fyzabad ..	11	651	...	...	14	...	676	...	20	2	42	...	16	1	353	11	145	52	642	34	14	50 80	...	23	3 0 0	·26	13th July, 1882.
Ditto, Rae Bareli.	62	464	...	...	1	12	539	1	3	40	31	...	9	...	242	8	87	22	443	96	63	108·85	2	62	2 0 0	·22	15th July, 1882.
Total ...	103	1,684	...	...	15	14	1,816	2	25	54	76	...	27	1	877	51	346	107	1,566	250	170	56·27	2	207	1 0 0	...	15th June, 1882.
Civil.																											
District Judge, Lucknow,	106	838	...	1	2	...	947	1	4	19	12	1	1	...	493	93	123	70	822	125	14	45 19	22	15	1 0 0	1·42	5th June, 1882.
Ditto, Sitapur ...	63	744	1	1	2	6	817	...	2	19	...	...	...	...	521	40	87	55	724	93	2	26·90	15	...	...	35	27th April, 1882.
Ditto, Fyzabad ...	366	1,244	...	...	1	19	1,630	...	32	78	16	...	4	...	731	82	205	44	1,192	438	248	114·06	14	164	0 4 0	...	23rd February, 1882.
Ditto, Rae Bareli,	486	1,116	...	...	...	15	1,617	1	27	81	23	7	6	8	819	114	171	243	1,500	117	4	141·09	16	45	0 7 0	...	3rd May, 1881.
Total ...	1,021	3,942	1	2	5	40	5,011	2	65	197	51	8	11	8	2,569	329	586	412	4,238	773	268	95·67	64	224	0 4 0	...	3rd May, 1881.
Grand Total ..	1,124	5,626	1	2	20	54	6,827	4	90	251	127	8	38	9	3,446	380	932	519	5,804	1,023	438	100·23	66	431	0 4 0	...	

PROVINCIAL RETURN No. X.—(RENT)

Showing the business of the Rent Appellate Courts (Deputy Commissioners) in the Province of Oudh during the year 1882.

PART I.—APPEALS FROM DECREES.

Districts.	Appeals remaining from last year	Instituted.	*Otherwise received.* Received by transfer from other Courts.	Remands under section 562.	Reviews under section 626 Act X of 1877.	Revivals under sections 558, 560	Total for disposal.	Transferred to other Courts.	Appeals summarily rejected, section 551.	Dismissed for default, sections 556, 557 or otherwise not prosecuted.	*Heard-exparte.* Confirmed	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded under section 562.	*Contested.* Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded under section 562.	Total disposed of, omitting transfers.	Pending.	Pending more than three months.	Average duration of appeals in column 20.	Objections under section 561, Act X. of 1877	Number of appeals below Rs 100 in value, in which pleaders fees were awarded	Value of smallest appeal, in which so awarded.	Average number of adjournments.	Date of oldest pending appeal
Provincial 1.	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Imperial 1.	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	...	14	15	16	17	...	...	...	18
																									Rs a. p.		
Lucknow	9	104	...	...	1	...	114	...	2	1	...	...	...	...	86	24	29	1	104	10	...	25·15	...	5	2 0 0	00 41	7th November, 1882.
Unao	13	268	...	...	...	...	281	...	4	14	2	...	...	...	128	35	47	20	251	30	3	24 07	1	1	17 12 9	·2	6th January, 1882.
Bara Banki	8	137	...	...	...	...	140	...	7	5	8	...	...	...	64	12	26	9	134	6	1	19 49	...	...	...	1 03	1st September, 1882.
Sitapur	8	42	...	...	...	1	51	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	28	3	8	4	46	5	...	35 39	...	...	...	·48	7th November, 1882
Hardoi	24	115	...	...	3	...	142	...	1	9	...	...	...	...	76	10	19	14	119	13	...	45 23	...	53	1 4 0	·33	28th ditto, 1882
Kheri	10	53	...	...	1	...	64	...	...	4	3	2	2	...	28	10	9	4	62	2	...	27 87	...	13	6 15 6	1 68	2nd ditto, 1882
Fyzabad	33	193	...	...	3	...	229	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	133	32	48	6	221	8	...	35 93	...	16	4 12 0	·32	29th ditto, 1882.
Gonda	21	164	14	...	...	...	199	...	...	14	2	...	...	...	92	18	44	15	185	14	1	19	1	3	39 0 0	2 17	1st June, 1882.
Bahraich	6	73	...	...	...	...	79	...	...	9	...	...	...	...	38	8	2	22	79	...	...	27·10	...	5	3 0 0	·34	...
Rae Bareli	2	71	...	...	2	1	76	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	42	8	15	4	71	5	...	29 28	...	...	...	·66	9th December, 1882.
Sultanpur	13	133	...	...	...	3	149	...	7	7	...	...	...	...	80	15	15	15	139	10	...	35 87	...	...	...	0·23	31st October, 1882.
Partabgarh	5	82	...	2	...	...	89	...	...	8	1	...	...	...	33	16	14	12	84	5	1	12·72	...	7	7 1 0	·2	17th ditto, do.
Total ...	147	1,435	14	2	10	5	1,613	...	23	76	16	2	5	1	793	91	267	126	1,505	108	6	28 07	2	103	1 4 0	...	6th January, 1882.

PROVINCIAL RETURN No. X.—(CIVIL AND RENT).

Showing the business of the Civil and Rent Appellate Courts in the Province of Oudh during the year 1882.

PART II.—(MISCELLANEOUS APPEALS) JUDICIAL.

Divisions.	Appeals remaining from last year.	Instituted in 1882.	*Otherwise received.* Received by transfer from other Courts.	Reviews under section 626, Act X. of 1877.	Remands under section 562.	Restored to file under sections 558, 560.	Total for disposal.	Transferred to other Courts.	Appeals summarily rejected, section 551.	Dismissed for default, or otherwise not prosecuted.	*Heard ex-parte.* Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded under section 562.	*Contested.* Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded under section 562.	Total disposed of omitting transfers.	Pending.	Of those pending more than three months.	Average duration of appeals in column 20.	Objections under section 561, Act X. of 1877.	Number of appeals below Rs. 100 in value, in which pleaders fees were awarded.	Value of smallest appeal, in which so awarded.	Average number of adjournments.	Date of oldest pending appeal.
Provincial ... 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Imperial ... 1	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	...	14	15	16	17	..	...	...	18
Rent.																									Rs. a. p.		
Commissioner, Lucknow	...	25	...	...	...	...	25	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	7	1	2	1	13	12	11	44·77	...	5	4 0 0	·1	31st July, 1881.
Ditto, Sitapur	1	10	...	...	...	...	11	1	...	...	3	...	...	...	6	...	1	...	9	1	...	35·	...	...	...	·22	22nd December, 1882.
Ditto, Fyzabad	...	16	...	...	...	...	16	..	1	...	1	...	...	...	5	...	...	9	16	...	...	50 44	...	...	...	...	..
Ditto, Rae Bareli	9	63	...	...	...	...	72	1	...	3	1	...	2	2	16	2	10	1	37	34	22	61·78	-	...	...	·32	14th August, 1882.
Total ...	10	114	..	..	...	...	124	2	2	4	5	..	2	2	33	3	13	11	75	47	33	49·44	...	5	4 0 0	..	
Civil																											
District Judge, Lucknow	5	59	...	...	...	1	65	...	...	3	3	...	1	...	33	4	8	2	54	11	...	44·02	...	...	...	0 27	14th November, 1882.
Ditto, Sitapur	12	58	...	...	...	...	70	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	35	27	1	...	66	4	...	48·97	...	...	39 0 0	...	18th October, 1882.
Ditto, Fyzabad	15	63	...	...	...	...	78	...	7	5	5	...	...	...	29	...	7	10	63	15	5	95·33	1	3	10 0 0	·24	4th August, 1882.
Ditto, Rae Bareli	3	18	...	...	...	...	21	...	3	1	2	...	...	...	9	...	3	3	21	...	.	69·47	...	...	...	...	
Total ...	35	198	...	...	...	1	234	...	10	12	10	...	1	...	106	4	45	16	204	30	5	68·08	1	3	10 0 0	..	
GRAND TOTAL ...	45	312	...	...	...	1	358	2	12	16	15	...	3	2	139	7	58	27	279	77	38	60 15	1	8	4 0 0	...	

PROVINCIAL RETURN No. X.—(RENT).

Showing the business of the Rent Appellate Courts (Deputy Commissioners) of the Province of Oudh during the year 1882.

PART II.—MISCELLANEOUS APPEALS (JUDICIAL)

Districts.	Appeals remaining from last year.	Instituted in present year.	Otherwise received.				Total for disposal.	Transferred to other courts.	Appeals summarily rejected, section 551.	Dismissed for default, or otherwise not prosecuted.	Heard ex-parte.				Contested.				Total disposed of, omitting transfers.	Pending	Of those pending more than 3 months.	Average duration of appeals in column 20.	Objections under section 561, Act X. of 1877	Number of appeals below Rs. 100 in value, in which pleaders fees were awarded.	Value of smallest appeal, in which so awarded	Average number of adjournments.	Date of oldest pending appeal.
			Received by transfer from other courts.	Reviews under section 626, Act X. of 1877.	Remands under section 562.	Restored to file under sections 558, 560.					Confirmed	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded under section 562.	Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded under section 562									
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Deputy Commissioners.																											
Lucknow	...	10	...	...	...	...	10	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	6	...	2	...	10	...	...	14·40	...	...	...	00·4	
Unao	...	4	...	...	...	5	9	...	1	...	3	...	...	...	2	...	3	...	9	...	...	52·	...	...	...	...	
Bara Banki	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	14·	...	...	...	...	
Sitapur	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Hardoi	...	5	...	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	43·75	...	...	...	...	2nd December, 1882.
Kheri	...	3	...	...	...	...	3	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	3	...	...	15·	...	...	...	...	
Fyzabad	...	36	...	...	...	...	36	...	1	...	6	...	1	...	20	2	5	1	36	...	...	18·17	...	...	...	·9	
Gonda	...	12	...	...	...	...	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	1	1	1	12	...	...	29·70	...	...	...	...	
Bahraich	...	1	1	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	2	...	...	16·5	...	...	...	1·41	
Rae Bareli	...	3	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	2	...	3	...	...	14·	...	...	...	...	
Sultanpur	...	5	...	...	...	...	5	...	2	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	5	...	...	23·6	...	...	...	...	
Partabgarh	...	8	...	...	...	3	11	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	4	...	11	...	...	16·65	...	...	...	...	
Total	...	1	88	...	...	...	8	97	...	7	1	9	...	1	...	49	4	20	5	96	1	...	23·26	...	...	...	...	

PROVINCIAL RETURN No. XI.-1.—(CIVIL).

Showing the result of proceedings on applications for the execution of the decrees of the Civil Courts in the province of Oudh during the year 1882.

Districts.	*Applications to execute decrees.*				*Applications disposed of*						*Amount realized.*	
	Remaining from last year.	Filed or revived.	Received by transfer.	Total number of applications for the execution of decrees before the courts.	By transfer.	Satisfaction obtained in full.	Satisfaction obtained in part.	Wholly infructuous, see columns 26 and 27.	Pending at the end of the year.	Number of applications pending more than three months at the close of the year.	With the issue of process.	Without the issue of process.
Provincial 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Imperial 1				2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
											Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p
Lucknow District Judge	684	6,523	278	7,485	129	3,015	679	2,922	740	251	2,20,349 3 1	39,003 3 2
Lucknow City Small Cause Court	66	4,711	5	4,782	242	1,492	1,028	1,927	93	1	40,827 11 2	15,956 3 3
Lucknow Cantonment Small Cause Court	9	251	6	266	68	49	141	...	8	...	5 412 7 0	1,402 10 3
Sitapur District Judge	661	4 744	95	5,500	155	2,151	932	1,643	619	275	1,91,066 0 0	33,397 0 0
Fyzabad District Judge	753	5,403	45	6,201	123	2,539	824	1,882	833	219	1,68 601 14 1	25,836 5 6
Fyzabad Cantonment Small Cause Court	...	19	3	22	1	9	7	4	1	...	270 6 9	53 4 0
Rae Bareli District Judge	695	5,116	59	5,870	109	2,414	949	1,636	762	204	2,11,458 9 7	4,663 6 8
Total ...	2,868	26,767	491	30.126	827	11,669	4,560	10,014	3,056	956	8,37,986 3 8	1,20,312 0 10

PROVINCIAL STATEMENT No. XI. (CIVIL)—(*concluded*).

Showing the result of proceedings on applications for the execution of the decrees of the Civil Courts in the province of Oudh during the year 1882.

Districts.	Number of applications.												Wholly infructuous.		Highest number of adjournments.	Average number of adjournments.	Number of cases under Rs. 100 in value in which pleaders' fees were awarded.	Value of smallest case in which no award ed.	Date of oldest pending application in each Court.
	On which the judgment-debtor was imprisoned.	On which he was arrested but released without imprisonment.	On which movable property.		On which immovable property.			On which possession was given.		On which specific performance was enforced.	On which partition was effected.	On which execution was effected, otherwise than in preceding columns.	From fault of decree-holder.	From other causes.					
			Was sold.	Was attached, but subsequently released.	Was sold.	Was dealt with under sections 305, 322 or 326, Act X of 1877.	Was attached, but subsequently released under section 276	Of movable.	Of immovable.										
Provincial 1	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32
Imperial 1	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	...	...	...	...	...	...	23
Lucknow District Judge	35	66	477	995	258	11	382	4	508	33	5	1,276	781	2,141	39	1·79	...	...	3rd May, 1880.
Lucknow City Small Cause Court	75	47	133	82	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,133	479	1,448	6	1 72	...	...	19th July, 1882.
Lucknow Cantonment Small Cause Court ...	5	15	10	8	...	...	...	...	...	—	...	...	...	...	7	0·50	...	...	5th December, 1882.
Sitapur District Judge	23	47	610	831	239	12	232	10	319	70	3	684	531	1,146	41	1·95	...	...	8th August, 1876.
Fyzabad District Judge	23	79	639	1,646	123	3	167	10	369	10	3	257	846	1,036	51	...	...	...	18th December, 1880.
Fyzabad Cantonment Small Cause Court ...	...	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	..	..	13	2	2	5	1·08	...	...	22nd December, 1882.
Rae Bareli District Judge	42	27	663	868	81	9	88	9	595	7	...	1,187	582	1,054	60	12 15	...	...	29th March, 1880.
Total ...	203	283	2,532	4,431	701	35	869	33	1,791	120	11	5,600	3,221	6,827	60	...	...	...	29th March, 1880.

PROVINCIAL RETURN No. XI-2.—(CIVIL.)

Showing the result of proceedings on applications for the execution of Small Cause Court decrees in the Courts of Sub-judges during the year 1882.

Classes of Courts and names of Officers.	Applications to execute decrees.				Applications disposed of.					Amount realized.		Number of applications.												Wholly infructuous.						
	Remaining from last year.	Filed or revived.	Received by transfer.	Total No. of applications for the execution of decrees before the courts.	By transfer.	Satisfaction obtained in full.	Satisfaction obtained in part.	Wholly infructuous, see columns 26 and 27.	Pending at the end of the year.	Number of applications pending more than three months at the close of the year.	With the issue of process.	Without the issue of process.	On which the judgment-debtor was imprisoned.	On which he was arrested, but released without imprisonment.	On which movable property. Was sold.	On which movable property. Was attached, but subsequently released.	On which immovable property. Was sold.	On which immovable property. Was dealt with under sections 305, 322 or 315, Act XIV of 1882.	On which immovable property. Was attached, but subsequently released under section 276.	On which possession was given. Of movable.	On which possession was given. Of immovable.	On which specific performance was enforced.	On which partition was effected.	On which execution was effected otherwise than in preceding cols.	From fault of decree-holder.	From other causes.	Highest number of adjournments.	Average number of adjournments.	Number of cases under Rs. 100 in value in which pleaders fees were awarded.	Value of smallest case in which no award was made.	Date of oldest pending application in each court.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32
Sub-Judges.											Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.																		
Mirza Kalb Ali Khan, Unao ...	...	131	1	132	3	70	1	49	9	...	2,082 10 3	49 2 9	1	...	20	22	2	...	...	1	...	...	1	29	3	46	4	·59	...	...	...
Major Marett, Bara Banki ...	6	98	1	105	5	33	17	42	8	1	2,632 15 6	40 0 0	...	...	7	37	3	...	...	5	...	...	...	2	6	36	14	1 27	...	...	...
Saiyid Mahomed Ahmad, Sitapur ...	18	58	1	77	7	27	20	3	...	...	715 0 0	23 0 0	...	...	7	23	1	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	6	32	...	2 6	...	...	...
Munshi Safdar Hosein Khan, Hardoi ...	...	147	1	148	2	57	23	45	21	1	3,287 0 0	...	3	3	15	32	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	16	29	6	3·8	...	...	...
Rae Narain Das, Fyzabad ...	...	3	...	3	...	2	...	1	...	...	40 2 0	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	2	...	...	...
Rae Sheo Sahai, Fyzabad ...	...	18	...	18	...	8	2	3	...	...	1,110 2 0	...	...	...	...	8	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	27	16	29	6	2	...	...	...
Pandit Sham Narain, Gonda ...	17	222	...	239	19	105	24	64	27	1	3,381 5 0	62 8 0	1	8	24	96	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	6	2	...	...	...
Rae Dhowkal Parshad, Bahraich, ...	22	469	4	501	6	190	96	148	61	3	9,115 1 8	163 0 6	9	3	81	74	6	...	...	4	...	...	...	105	77	71	12	·49	...	...	...
Saiyid Gholam Haidar, Sultanpur ...	29	297	...	326	32	132	44	81	37	2	5,741 0 0	17 0 0	10	5	27	33	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	101	35	46	3	1·68	...	...	...
Pandit Hari Kishen, Partabgarh ...	...	12	1	13	...	3	...	3	7	...	47 5 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	3	4	...	...	...	...
Total ...	98	1,450	9	1,557	74	627	227	456	173	8	28,152 9 5	354 11 3	24	19	181	327	13	...	15	1	2	1	...	267	172	302	14	...	...	...	...

PROVINCIAL RETURN No. XI.—(RENT).

Showing the result of Proceedings on applications for the execution of decrees of the Rent Courts in the Province of Oudh, during the year 1882.

Districts.	Applications to execute decrees.				Applications disposed of				Pending at the end of the present year.	Number of applications pending more than three months at the close of the present year.	Amount realised.	
	Remaining from last year.	Filed or revived.	Received by transfer.	Total number of applications for the execution of decrees before the Courts.	By transfer.	Satisfaction obtained in full.	Satisfaction obtained in part.	Wholly infructuous. See columns 26 and 27.			With the issue of process.	Without the issue of process.
Provincial 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Imperial 1	...	...	...	...	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
											Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
Lucknow	66	861	3	930	3	414	116	321	76	5	14,738 1 2	93 15 0
Unao	66	1,159	...	1,225	5	583	153	399	85	15	17,211 4 7	547 8 3
Bara Banki	103	837	...	940	3	380	98	379	80	13	16,161 8 10	238 12 0
Sitapur	41	262	...	303	3	140	62	76	22	6	12,099 15 11	12,544 3 6
Hardoi	73	961	2	1,036	...	622	110	217	87	14	25,627 13 1	228 11 10
Kheri	20	257	...	277	...	158	35	68	16	4	6,850 5 11	464 7 11
Fyzabad	250	1,621	4	1,875	...	812	301	626	136	60	23,292 4 ½	6,597 13 7
Gonda	24	705	2	731	12	336	109	234	40	7	17,536 2 5	1,994 8 0
Bahraich	254	1,673	4	1,931	1	797	176	633	274	138	31,247 13 10	760 13 9
Rae Bareli	126	911	10	1,047	2	429	214	252	150	33	16,520 13 6	1,922 4 1
Sultanpur	267	1,549	3	1,819	15	796	369	399	240	55	44,756 12 6	169 0 9
Partabgarh	217	1,111	...	1,328	5	572	191	377	183	44	29,810 13 6	1,067 14 1
Total	1,507	11,907	28	13,442	49	6,039	1,934	4,031	1,389	394	2,55,853 13 3½	26,630 0 9

PROVINCIAL RETURN No. XI.—(RENT).—*concluded.*

Showing the result of Proceedings on applications for the execution of the decrees of the Rent Courts in the Province of Oudh, during the year **1882.**

Districts.	On which the judgment debtor was imprisoned.	On which he was arrested, but released without imprisonment.	Number of applications. On which movable property. Was sold.	Was attached, but subsequently released.	On which immovable property. Was sold.	Was dealt with under sections 305, 322, or 320, Act X. of 1877.	Was attached, but subsequently released under section 275.	On which possession was given. Of movable.	Of immovable.	On which specific performance was enforced.	On which partition was effected.	On which execution was effected otherwise than in preceding columns.	Wholly infructuous. From fault of decree-holder.	From other causes.	Highest number of adjournments.	Average number of adjournments.	Number of cases under Rs. 100, in value in which pleaders fees were awarded.	Value of smallest case in which so awarded.	Date of oldest pending application in each Court.
Provincial 1	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32
Imperial 1	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	...	...	...	...	...	23
Lucknow	2	12	97	265	18	...	26	...	5	14	...	101	121	200	14	1·92	...	...	14th July, 1882
Unao	2	6	74	213	10	6	15	...	6	...	...	433	121	252	15	·57	...	...	12th January, 1882
Bara Banki	3	10	65	168	18	...	19	2	7	...	...	186	178	201	9	·78	...	...	2nd March, 1882
Sitapur	4	6	41	85	7	2	11	...	9	...	...	40	30	46	15	...	...	...	22nd March, 1882
Hardoi	13	20	78	392	18	12	9	...	5	...	...	185	98	119	23	1·36	...	...	18th January, 1882
Kheri	2	5	31	122	2	...	1	...	2	...	...	28	43	25	12	·84	...	...	14th August, 1882
Fyzabad	9	11	248	182	188	31	97	...	27	...	...	320	198	428	...	2·92	...	...	16th April, 1881
Gonda	25	22	156	458	42	...	32	3	10	...	...	222	168	515	...	...	...	...	16th October, 1879
Bahraich	13	9	113	182	10	...	4	...	19	3	...	173	93	141	6	·36	...	...	28th April, 1882
Rae Bareli	20	4	210	248	23	2	30	...	10	...	...	98	78	170	17	1·52	...	...	6th July, 1881
Sultanpur	51	49	330	492	80	2	90	...	11	...	...	260	144	255	...	3·22	...	...	20th September, 1879
Partabgarh	17	17	176	332	15	6	50	...	2	...	...	153	97	280	46	1·7	...	...	8th August, 1880
Total	161	171	1,619	3,139	431	61	391	5	113	17	...	2,199	1,369	2,636	46	...	...	...	20th September, 1879

PROVINCIAL RETURN No. XV.—(CIVIL AND RENT.)

Showing the detention of witnesses before Civil and Rent Courts in suits, miscellaneous cases and in cases of execution of decree, in the Courts of the Districts of the Province of Oudh during the year 1882.

Districts.	*Discharged after being in attendance.*										
	One day.	Two days.	Three days.	Four days.	Five days.	Six days.	Seven days.	Eight days.	Nine days.	Sixteen to 23 days.	Total.
Civil Courts.											
Lucknow	14,465	360	31	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	14,857
Sitapur	12,009	221	5	13	...	...	...	...	...	...	12,248
Fyzabad	13,727	774	44	15	3	...	...	...	...	...	14,563
Rae Bareli	11,569	637	117	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12,323
Total ...	51,770	1,992	197	29	3	...	...	...	...	...	53,991
Small Cause Courts.											
Lucknow City Small Cause Court ...	2,771	21	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,792
Lucknow Cantonment do. ...	262	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	262
Fyzabad do. do. ...	177	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	177
Total ...	3,210	21	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,231
Rent Courts.											
Lucknow	960	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	963
Unao	2,277	64	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,349
Bara Banki	1,001	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,007
Sitapur	633	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	633
Hardoi	1,976	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,980
Kheri	487	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	492
Fyzabad	2,008	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,009
Gonda	1,596	36	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,639
Bahraich	900	27	3	5	6	1	...	...	...	...	942
Rae Bareli	1,299	30	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,330
Sultanpur	2,949	49	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,998
Partabgarh	1,660	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,660
Total ...	17,706	225	19	5	6	1	...	...	...	...	18,022

PROVINCIAL RETURN No. XVI.—(Civil and Rent.)

Statement showing receipts and disbursements on account of processes in the Courts of the Province of Oudh for the year 1882.

Districts.	Number of servers employed.	Aggregate number of processes served.	Average number per server.	Receipts.				Disbursements.						Here note if pay of peons has exceeded 60 per cent., and if bill for extra peons has been audited.
				Balance from last year.	Value of fees received within the year.	Remittances from other provinces.	Total.	Pay of supervising establishment including nazarat and bailiff.	Pay of peons.	Pension fund, 12 per cent.	Contingencies and refunds.	Total.	Surplus or deficit.	
Civil.				Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	
District Judge, Lucknow ...	152	57,571	...	...	21 219 6 0	3 6 0	21,222 12 0	3,830 3 6	10,299 2 9	1,695 7 11	88 3 6	15,913 1 8	5,309 10 4	
Ditto Sitapur ...	135	50,490	374·	...	17,801 12 0	19 0 0	17,820 12 0	3,120 0 0	9 709 10 4	1,539 8 0	362 2 0	14,731 4 4	3,089 7 8	
Ditto Fyzabad ...	113	58,691	522·53	...	19,630 13 0	2 4 0	19,633 1 0	2,991 0 1	7,977 11 8	1,316 3 10	413 11 3	12 698 10 10	6,608 0 2	
Ditto Rae Bareli ...	103	43,359	420·96	...	17,213 4 6	78 0 0	17,291 4 6	2,899 8 0	7 426 15 3	1,179 1 10	440 6 9	11,445 15 10	5,845 4 8	
Small Cause Court, City Lucknow ...	41	18,948	462 14	...	4,994 11 0	...	4,994 11 0	1,255 0 0	2,885 2 6	496 12 9	10 0 0	4,646 15 3	347 11 9	
Ditto Cantonment ditto ...	2	932	466·	...	330 4 0	1 4 0	331 8 0	144 0 0	132 0 0	33 1 10	...	309 1 10	22 6 2	
Ditto ditto Fyzabad ...	*	356	...	...	106 14 0	0 8 0	107 6 0	241 9 3	...	28 15 9	...	270 9 0	163 3 0	
Total ...	546	230,347	...	...	81,297 0 6	104 6 0	81,401 6 6	13,981 4 10	38,430 10 6	6,289 3 11	1,314 7 6	60,015 10 9	21,222 8 9	Deficit.
Rent.														
Deputy Commissioner, Lucknow ...	24	21,975	76·	...	9,056 10 0	...	9,056 10 0	1,816 15 4	1,673 13 10	418 14 4	6 12 0	3.916 7 6	5.140 2 6	
Ditto Unao ...	34	40,686	1.695·	...	10,428 8 0	1 8 0	10,430 0 0	1,373 1 7	2.238 12 10	439 1 0	92 0 6	4,192 15 11	6,237 0 1	
Ditto Bara Banki ...	44	41,608	945·	...	10,484 5 0	...	10,484 5 0	1,376 0 0	2,780 12 5	500 1 4	47 11 9	4.713 9 6	5,770 11 6	
Ditto Sitapur ...	89	10,787	120·64	...	3,105 10 0	...	3,105 10 0	678 0 0	1,036 12 3	205 12 0	...	1,920 8 3	1,185 1 9	
Ditto Hardoi ...	590	41,628	70 5	...	10,787 0 0	...	10.787 0 0	1,416 0 0	3,155 8 2	548 9 3	61 1 0	5,181 2 5	5,605 13 7	
Ditto Kheri ...	10	6.225	622 5	...	1,701 12 0	1 0 0	1,702 12 0	587 12 5	755 2 3	161 2 0	38 0 0	1.542 0 8	160 11 4	
Ditto Fyzabad ...	74	37,446	506·03	...	8,903 3 6	4 12 0	8,907 15 6	1,716 0 0	4,513 14 4	747 10 0	220 3 3	7,197 11 7	1,710 3 11	
Ditto Gonda ...	46	26,039	561·	...	6,864 7 0	3 0 0	6,867 7 0	852 0 0	3.152 4 2	480 7 10	126 0 0	4 610 12 0	2,256 11 0	
Ditto Bahraich ...	19	10 919	668·	...	3,169 4 0	...	3,169 4 0	992 0 0	1,190 10 5	261 14 0	0 13 0	2,445 5 5	723 14 7	
Ditto Rae Bareli ...	58	22.119	381·36	...	7,776 7 0	0 8 0	7,776 15 0	1,176 0 0	2 072 2 3	389 12 6	1 11 0	3 639 9 9	4,137 5 3	
Ditto Sultanpur ...	41	32,446	791·	...	8 429 15 0	6 8 0	8,436 7 0	1,296 0 0	2.344 11 6	496 14 0	153 6 6	4,791 0 0	3,645 7 0	
Ditto Partabgarh ...	38	25,579	673 1	...	6,510 7 0	10 8 6	6,520 15 0	992 0 0	2,669 7 5	439 6 0	56 7 0	4,157 4 5	2,363 10 7	
Total ..	1,066	317,407	...	...	87,217 8 6	27 12 0	87,245 4 6	14,271 13 4	28,142 15 10	5,089 8 2	804 2 0	48,308 7 5	38,936 13 1	

* Served by orderly peons.

PROVINCIAL RETURN No. XVIII.—(Civil and Rent).

Statement showing receipts and disbursements on account Sale Commission Fund in the districts of the Province of Oudh during the year 1882.

	Receipts.			Disbursements.			Balance.	Payable to Nazir, &c., under para. 15, Circular No. 24 of 1872.
	Balance from last year.	Value of fees received within the year.	Total.	Pay of peons.	Contingencies.	Total.		
Civil.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
Lucknow	...	3,864 7 3	2,864 7 3	568 6 0	41 11 0	610 1 0	2,254 6 3	563 9 6
Sitapur	...	1,672 11 9	1,672 11 9	472 1 10	5 4 0	477 5 10	1,195 5 11	298 9 3
Fyzabad	...	1,893 1 0	1,893 1 0	276 8 5	3 6 3	279 14 8	1,613 2 4	403 4 6
Rae Bareli	...	1,284 4 8	1,284 4 8	528 11 10	...	528 11 10	755 8 10	188 14 2
Small Cause Courts.								
Lucknow City, Small Cause Court	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ditto Cantonment do.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Fyzabad ditto do.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	...	7,714 8 8	7714 8 8	1,845 12 1	50 5 3	1,896 1 4	5,818 7 4	1,454 5 5
Rent.								
Lucknow	...	214 7 3	214 7 3	...	...	...	214 7 3	53 9 9
Unao	...	247 10 8	247 10 8	...	3 15 3	3 15 3	243 11 5	60 14 9
Bara Banki	...	234 13 9	234 13 9	...	...	...	234 13 9	58 11 5
Sitapur	596 1 6	122 0 10	718 2 4	18 0 0	...	18 0 0	700 2 4	26 0 2
Hardoi	99 7 0	32 15 3	132 6 3	...	...	...	132 6 3	33 1 6
Kheri	...	135 8 6	135 8 6	60 0 0	...	60 0 0	75 8 6	18 14 1
Fyzabad	...	568 15 9	568 15 9	298 4 6	...	298 4 6	270 11 3	67 10 9
Gonda	...	221 5 3	221 5 3	...	...	...	221 5 3	55 5 3
Bahraich	...	267 10 11	267 10 11	72 0 0	...	72 0 0	195 10 11	48 14 8
Rae Bareli	...	496 14 5	496 14 5	...	...	...	496 14 5	124 3 7
Sultanpur	...	604 1 8	604 1 8	118 0 0	...	118 0 0	486 1 8	121 8 5
Partabgarh	...	190 9 9	190 9 9	72 0 0	10 2 0	82 2 0	108 7 9	27 1 11
Total	695 8 6	3,337 2 0	4,032 10 6	633 4 6	14 1 3	652 5 9	3,380 4 9	696 0 3

ORDERS OF GOVERNMENT.

No. 1086 of 1883.

From

The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT,

N.-W. Provinces and Oudh,

To

The JUDICIAL COMMISSIONER of OUDH.

Dated Camp Lucknow, the 3rd November, 1883.

Sir,

Judicial Dept. (Civil.)

I am desired to acknowledge the report on the Administration of Civil Justice in Oudh during 1882, received on the 24th August, 1883, with your No. 1718 of 1883.

2. There has been a considerable increase in the number of suits instituted during the year, both civil and rent suits, and a very remarkable increase in the value of the civil suits. The bulk of the litigation was, however, of a petty nature, since 81·1 per cent. of the civil cases are shown as being less than Rs. 50 in value, and 20·7 per cent. as between Rs. 50 and Rs. 500 in value. There appears, however, to be an error in the calculation of the percentages in paragraph 4, since the total of the percentages is 104·27. The fact seems to be that 51,328 out of the 53,051 civil suits that were instituted were of a less value than Rs. 500, and were therefore triable by Munsifs. In the rent courts, out of the 34,711 suits instituted, 30,260 were for less than Rs. 50, and 34,423 were for less than Rs. 500. It appears, therefore, that of the civil suits instituted more than 96 per cent. were triable by Munsifs or Honorary Assistant Commissioners, and that about 68 per cent. of the cases decided were decided by these officers, the remainder being decided by the Subordinate Judges.

Year.	Civil.	Value.	Rent.	Value.
		Rs.		Rs.
1881 ...	48,801	53,05,497	29,053	9,73,221
1882 ...	53,051	1,05,91,887	34,711	10,28,433

3. In the classes of cases that came before the civil courts, the chief point of interest is the comparatively small number of suits on contract in writing. This feature of the litigation in Oudh was noticed in the review of the report for 1881, and in 1882 the proportion of such suits to the total number is even smaller than before. The manner in which the ordinary civil courts disposed of the cases that came before them calls for little comment. Plaintiffs were less successful than in 1881 in contested cases and in cases referred to arbitration; and the average duration of suits was less than in the preceding year. There was a considerable increase in the number of appeals, and the large proportion of the cases in which the original decree was confirmed is satisfactory. The appellate work was heaviest in the Fyzabad district; and although the Judge

disposed of more appeals than any other of the Judges, he still left a considerable number pending at the close of the year. It is observed that the Subordinate Judge of Fyzabad, though empowered to hear appeals, disposed of one appeal only; and that neither in Gonda nor in Bahraich is the Subordinate Judge empowered to hear appeals.

4. In respect of the successful execution of decrees, the Oudh courts have maintained the high figure of former years, though the proportion of applications in which execution was fruitless has slightly increased.

5. In the Courts of Small Causes 13,127 cases were instituted, *viz.*, 5,648 in the Small Cause Courts in the Lucknow city and cantonment and in the Fyzabad cantonment, and 7,479 in the courts of Subordinate Judges who have been invested with Small Cause Court powers. The total value of these suits was Rs. 4,32,576; and about eleven-thirteenths of the whole were for sums not exceeding Rs. 50. In the table showing the manner in which these cases have been disposed of, the percentages of cases decreed *ex-parte* and of cases decided in favour of the plaintiff after contest are shown as 15·85 and 18·75 respectively. In cases tried in the ordinary courts the percentages are 9·4 and 24·2 respectively. The large proportion of cases decided in the Small Cause Courts *ex-parte* in favour of the plaintiff was perhaps to be expected; but it seems remarkable that so small a proportion should have been decided in favour of the plaintiff after contest. In respect of the execution of their decrees also these courts were not so successful as the ordinary civil courts.

6. In the rent courts there was an increase in the amount of litigation, and this increase was common to all districts, except Rae Bareli and Kheri, where there was a small decrease. The increase was greatest in Hardoi, Sultánpur, Partábgarh, Bara Banki, and Unao. The classes of cases that show the largest increase were suits for arrears of rent and to contest notices of ejectment, the increase being most marked in the latter class of cases, and being common to all the districts of the province. The cause of it in both cases is said to be wholly or in part due to a widespread belief that the Rent Law of the province is likely to be altered. Plaintiffs were more successful in the rent courts than in any others; and in respect of the execution of their decrees the rent courts continued to show excellent results, while their decisions stood the test of appeal fairly well. You notice three points in which, apparently, in your opinion, the working of the Rent Act is open to objection: *first*, that it is considered necessary to dispose of suits to contest notices of ejectment before the 15th June in each year—a procedure which, arising from section 38, sometimes involves hurried, and therefore insufficient, investigation; *secondly*, that the Act does not empower the courts to order the ejectment of a tenant who has objected to a notice of ejectment, but whose objection has been overruled; and, *thirdly*, that section 102, which authorises a person who has been illegally dispossessed of land to apply to recover possession, is not unfrequently misunderstood, and hardship caused by the action of the courts, since the orders under that section are not open to appeal or revision. These points

will be considered separately. Meanwhile, your remarks on the working of section 102 will be commended to the attention of all District Officers.

7. The number of witnesses who came before the courts was 53,991 in the ordinary civil courts, 3,231 in Small Cause Courts, and 17,766 in rent courts. Over 95 per cent. of these are shown as having been discharged on the first day; and various opinions, generally without any definite examination of the facts, are expressed as to the accuracy of these statistics. But, as remarked by you, there should be no difficulty in ascertaining what the facts in any court really were, and securing accurate returns if defective registration of attendance has occurred or been practised.

8. There was a large increase in the amount realised by process fees, in both civil and rent courts, and the result was a considerable surplus at the close of the year. The question of modifying the scale of fees for service of processes is being considered separately. There are some remarkable differences that seem to need explanation in the number of process-servers employed in different districts for the service of rent court processes. The number of processes served in Unao, Bara Banki, and Hardoi was almost identical, yet the number of servers was 34 in Unao, 44 in Bara Banki, and 590 in Hardoi. It is stated that in Unao each peon served on an average 1,695 processes in the year, while in Hardoi the average number served by each peon was 70·5. In the North-Western Provinces during 1882 each civil court peon served on an average 288 processes in the year. In the Oudh courts, both civil and rent, the average number served by each peon is larger than in the North-Western Provinces; but the number of peons entertained seems needlessly large in Lucknow, Sitapur, and Hardoi.

Process Fee Fund.

	Realised.	Charges.	Surplus.
	Rs.	Rs.	
Civil ...	81,401	60,016	21,385
Rent ...	87,245	48,309	38,936
	Sale Commission.		
Civil ...	7,714	{ 1,896 } + { 1,454 }	4,364
Rent ...	4,032	{ 652 } + { 696 }	2,684

9. In your own court the work for disposal seems, in comparison with that of the preceding year, to have been as follows:—

	1881.	1882.
Original suits	2	1
First appeals	73	95
Second ditto	365	525
Miscellaneous appeals	89	107
Appeals in rent cases	380	394
Miscellaneous appeals from Collectors and Commissioners	32	39
References for rulings	22	10
Applications for revision	528	550
Other applications	93	75
Cases called for	...	7
Total ...	1,584	1,803

The number of these appeals that remained undisposed of at the close of each year appears to have been as follows :—

	1881.	1882.
Civil appeals	112	259
Miscellaneous appeals	10	37
Rent court ditto	60	98
Miscellaneous ditto	5	12
Total ...	187	406

The proportion of civil court decrees that were confirmed on appeal is smaller than in 1881, and the proportion that were reversed is smaller also. The number of appeals undisposed of at the close of the year is larger than usual, and the average duration of the appeals is considerably more than in 1881, owing, it is presumed, to the larger number of appeals presented during 1882. Under section 622 of the Code of Civil Procedure 550 non-appealable cases came before your court in 1882 as compared with 528 in the previous year, and in a very small number of these was the order of the lower court modified or reversed. You have on a previous occasion recommended that the Oudh Civil Courts Act, which allows no further appeal in cases in which the order of the court of first instance has been confirmed by the subordinate appellate court, be modified so as to allow a second appeal in certain cases. The Lieutenant-Governor and Chief Commissioner was, however, unable to recommend this proposal to the Legislature; and the number of cases which comes before you for revision appears fairly constant.

10. Statements A. and B., submitted with your No. 1702, dated 21st August, 1883, contain useful statistics regarding the stamp-duty realised in the civil courts of the several districts, and the income and expenditure of these courts; and I am to request that similar statements may be appended to the reports for future years.

11. I am to say, in conclusion, that the administration of Civil Justice in Oudh appears to have been creditable to the judicial officers generally, and that the Lieutenant-Governor believes this to be largely the result of your own able and diligent supervision.

I have the honor to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient servant,

J. R. REID,

Offg. Secretary to Government,
N.-W. Provinces and Oudh.

ORDERS OF GOVERNMENT.

No. 23 of 1883.

FROM

THE OFFG. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
N.-W. PROVINCES AND OUDH,

To

THE JUDICIAL COMMISSIONER FOR OUDH.

DATED ALLAHABAD, THE 8TH JANUARY, 1883.

SIR,

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT (CIVIL).

I AM directed to acknowledge your No. 1594, dated 11th September, 1882, being the report on the Administration of Civil Justice in Oudh during the year 1881. The corrected copy of the report was received with your No. 1907, dated 26th October, 1882.

The Lieutenant-Governor is aware of the special reasons which delayed the report in 1882, but he trusts that in future it may be furnished with the punctuality which is needed to ensure its usefulness.

2. The chief results of the year 1881 are as follows:—

		1880.	1881.
Number of civil suits instituted	...	42,866	48,801
Value of ditto	...	Rs. 50,18,922	Rs. 53,05,497
Number of rent suits instituted	...	25,218	29,053
Value of ditto	...	Rs. 8,23,335	Rs. 9,73,221

In the North-Western Provinces during the same period the number of civil suits instituted was 86,185, and their value was Rs. 2,23,70,998. In the North-Western Provinces there was a decrease in litigation as compared with 1880, while in Oudh there was a general increase. The report, however, gives no explanation of the increase, or of the manner in which the increase was divided between the several districts. In Oudh there was one civil suit filed for every 205 of population. In the North-Western Provinces the proportion was one for every 346 of population. The average value of the suits filed was in Oudh Rs. 95, and in the North-Western Provinces Rs. 237. Dividing the suits according to their value, the following proportions are obtained:—

			N.-W. Provinces.	*Oudh.*
			Per cent.	Per cent.
Suits of a value not exceeding	Rs.	10	... 7·5	30·8
Ditto	ditto	„ 50	... 44·5	45·3
Ditto	ditto	„ 100	... 21·4	11·6
Ditto	ditto	„ 500	... 20·9	9·0
Ditto	ditto	„ 1,000	... 3·0	1·3
Ditto	ditto	„ 5,000	... 2·2	0·9
Ditto	above	„ 5,000	... ·5	·2
Others not estimable in money			... ...	·9

It thus appears that in Oudh, as compared with the North-Western Provinces, there is a vast amount of petty litigation. This receives

further illustration from the classification of the suits according to their nature. Thus compared, the two provinces stand as follows:—

Suits.	*North-Western Provinces.*	*Oudh.*
1. Based on contract in writing ...	62·2	30·2
2. Based on contract not in writing ...	6·4	18·3
3. For goods sold ...	2·5	6·8
4. On account stated ...	4·2	7·3
5. For movable property ...	3·5	10·3
6. For immovable property ...	10·3	9·7
7. To declare rights ...	2·9	1·0

The proportion of courts in the two provinces to their population is almost identical, and the marked difference in the number of petty suits filed may be due in some measure to the greater frequency with which contracts are reduced to writing in the North-Western Provinces, and also to the greater efficiency of the Oudh courts in realising their decrees, a subject which will be noticed subsequently.

3. The suits that came before the courts were disposed of in the following manner:—

	North-Western Provinces. Per cent.	*Oudh.* Per cent.
Without trial	11·6	22·2
Without contest	55·5	36·8
After contest	32·8	40·8

The percentage of cases decreed *ex-parte* was 10·5 in Oudh and 22·2 in the North-Western Provinces, and of cases dismissed *ex-parte* was 1·83 in Oudh and ·50 in the North-Western Provinces. The average duration of contested cases was 66 days in Oudh and 56 in the North-Western Provinces, and of uncontested cases was 38 in Oudh and 25 in the North-Western Provinces. These figures seem to show that cases have been satisfactorily dealt with in the Oudh courts.

4. The number of appeals to the District Judges increased in 1881, and there is nothing to notice in the manner in which they were disposed of, except the arrears which accumulated in the court of the Judge of Rae Bareli, and the long average duration of appeals in that court.

5. Of the applications for execution of decrees, 30·16 per cent. were wholly without result, the percentage in the North-Western Provinces being 47·3. The percentage of decrees fully satisfied was 40·86 in Oudh and 18·8 in the North-Western Provinces. The action of the Oudh courts thus shows well in respect of the execution of decrees and the comparatively small number of *ex-parte* decisions. Arbitration seems not to be popular in Oudh as a means of settling disputes. Of the contested cases 2·8 per cent. were decided by arbitration, while in the North-Western Provinces the proportion was 5·3 per cent. This, however, might be expected, considering the large number of suits of small value in Oudh; since the smaller the value of a suit, the less likelihood is there of a willing resort by the litigants to arbitration.

6. The Process-Fee Fund and the Sale Commission Fund show a large surplus of receipts over expenditure in both civil and rent courts.

The receipts were Rs. 11,057; and, after paying all expenses, there was a surplus of Rs. 6,442, or over 58 per cent. of the receipts. I am to ask your attention to paragraph 17 of the review of the report for 1880, and to request that you will consider whether the scale of fees now in force might not be reduced.

7. Paragraphs 23 to 30 of the report treat of the Small Cause Courts in Lucknow (city and cantonment) and Fyzabad. The returns for these courts call for no comment; but I am to suggest that in future the section of the report devoted to Small Cause Courts should treat of all the Small Cause Court litigation. In 1881 there were 5,603 suits disposed of by Sub-Judges in the exercise of Small Cause Court powers, and the manner in which the Sub-Judges have exercised their powers might be specially noticed and reported on.

8. In rent suits there was a very large increase, particularly in the districts of Unao and Rae Bareli The Deputy Commissioner of the former district explains that the increase was almost entirely in suits for arrears of rent. The number of these suits increased from 2,498 in 1880 to 3,628 in 1881, while the number of applications for execution fell from 832 to 788. It is known that the kharíf and rabi harvests of 1288 fasli were poor, and it is not improbable that the object of the suits was simply to save claims for rent on account of that year from being barred by limitation. This view is borne out by a remark of the Deputy Commissioner of Rae Bareli, where also the increase was chiefly in suits for arrears of rent. Rae Bareli and Unao both suffered in 1878, and the suits brought in 1881 were probably for rent that accrued in 1878, which could not have been recovered unless sued for in 1881. There has also been an increase in suits for ejectment and recovery of possession from 412 to 1,509. No explanation of this increase is given, either in the report or in the district notices; but it seems of sufficient importance to have elicited inquiry and remark.

9. In the matter of execution of their decrees the rent courts maintained their high standard of efficiency, notwithstanding the unfavourable circumstances of the year; and this result was attained with a striking diminution in the use of the severer processes of execution. The number of cases in which the judgment-debtor was imprisoned, movable property was attached and sold, and immovable property was sold, show a marked decrease. In respect to imprisonment of the judgment-debtor the decrease is partly nominal, since in former years all arrests seem to have been classed as imprisonments, whereas they have now been shown separately. As regards sales of property, however, the classification has not been altered, and the decrease is remarkable. The facts seem to show that the year 1881 was one of improved prosperity among the agricultural classes, and that they were able to discharge their liabilities with greater ease than in the preceding years.

10. In conclusion I am to express a hope that in future years you may be able to examine more closely some of the more salient points brought out by a comparison of the statistics of the year with those

recorded in preceding years, and to supply more ample details on some points which have been left unnoticed in this report. The cost of litigation might with advantage be shown and commented upon in future reports, and statements might be given to show the relative amount of litigation in each district, and the manner in which it has been dealt with by the courts. Such comparative statistics are especially necessary for Oudh, where the number and allocation of the courts having been recently arranged, cannot be considered to be permanently settled till they have been judged by the statistics of the litigation that arises in each district.

11. In considering this report, reference has been made to the statistics of litigation in the civil courts of the North-Western Provinces, and I am to suggest that you might sometimes find a comparison between the returns for the two provinces to be useful in measuring the movement and tendencies of litigation in Oudh, and in directing attention to substantial points of contact and difference between the two provinces. In Oudh the proceedings and the nature of litigation in the rent courts are of great importance, and the results call for careful scrutiny and consideration. The Lieutenant-Governor and Chief Commissioner will be glad if you will bring your long and varied experience of the administration of the province of Oudh to bear on this subject, and will in the next report carefully scrutinise the returns, and favour him with your views on the general working of the law, and on the economical deductions that may be drawn from the facts and figures that have come under your observation.

I have the honor to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient servant,

J. R. REID,

Offg. Secretary to Government,

N.-W. Provinces and Oudh.

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OFFICIATING JUDICIAL COMMISSIONER, OUDH,

To

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

N.-W. PROVINCES AND OUDH, JUDICIAL-CIVIL DEPT.

Dated Lucknow, the 19th August, 1884.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to submit my report, together with the prescribed returns relating to the administration of Civil Justice in Oudh during the year ending the 31st December, 1883, and also the original reports of the Commissioners, Deputy Commissioners, District Judges, and Judges of Small Cause Courts.

2. The net fees in the Civil Courts as detailed in appendix A. amounted to Rs. 4,80,411, being Rs. 52,461 more than in 1882. The fluctuations in the figures for 1882 and 1883 are shown in the following statement :—

Income and Expenditure, Appendices A. and B.

Judgeship.	1882. Rs.	1883. Rs.	*Difference.* Rs.
Lucknow	1,51,856	1,63,022	+ 11,166
Sitapur	79,662	88,780	+ 9,118
Fyzabad	93,268	96,119	+ 2,851
Rae Bareli	83,498	86,800	+ 3,302
Judicial Commissioner's Court	40,166	45,690	

3. From appendix B it will be seen that after defraying all charges inclusive of two Cantonment Magistrates' Courts and this Court (all three of which dispose of criminal work), the surplus during the year under report amounted to Rs. 1,78,939.

If a moiety of the charges of the Judicial Commissioner's Court be debited to Criminal Department then instead of a deficit of Rs. 11,506 there will remain a surplus of Rs. 17,748 in that Court.

A comparative statement of the figures under each head of income and expenditure for the years 1882 and 1883 is given below :—

Income.	1882. Rs.	1883. Rs.	
Net value of stamps	4,83,748	4,80,411	
Duty and penalty on instruments	3,764	4,021	
Fines	164	323	
Net process fees	79,980	88,260	
Judicial Record fund	18,209	19,164	
Total ...	5,80,865	5,87,179	+ 56,314
Expenditure.			
Salaries of officers and establishments ...	3,48,102	3,48,322	
Process serving establishment ...	55,713 1,807	50,168	
Judicial record fund	9,304	9,750	
Total ...	4,15,426	4,08,240	− 7,186
Surplus ...	1,15,439	1,78,939	+ 63,500

A suggested revision of the system under which litigation is taxed is under consideration and will form the subject of a separate communication.

General results.

4. The number of suits instituted in the Ordinary Civil, Small Cause and Rent Courts of the Province aggregated 85,179, being 2,583 less than during 1882, and the number that came before the Courts for disposal was 1,904 less than in that year. The subject matter of the suits of 1883 was valued at Rs. 40,76,924 more than in 1882. The average duration was lower in the year under report than in 1882, except as regards contested cases in Ordinary Civil and Small Cause Courts. The apparent increase in the latter class of courts is owing to the duration of Small Cause Court suits in the Courts of Sub-Judges having been included in their ordinary civil cases in the 1882 figures, while in 1883 they are shewn in the Small Cause Court figures.* A comparative statement for both years is given below :—

	1882.		1883.	
Suits instituted.	*Number.*	*Value.* Rs.	*Number.*	*Value.* Rs.
Ordinary Civil ...	39,924	1,01,59,311	37,242	1,41,45,598
Small Cause ...	13,127	4,39,576	16,314	5,55,122
Rent	34,711	10,28,433	31,623	9,96,524
Total ...	87,762	1,16,20,320	85,179	1,56,97,244
Suits for disposal.		*Duration.*		*Duration.*
Ordinary Civil ...	†45,611	Contested, 61 days Uncontested, 42 „	43,159	Contested, 67 days. Uncontested, 34 „
Small Cause ...	14,099	Contested, 12 „ Uncontested, 13 „	18,260	Contested, 20 „ Uncontested, 13 „
Rent	37,165	Contested, 33 „ Uncontested, 28 „	33,552	Contested, 30 „ Uncontested, 25 „

ORDINARY CIVIL COURTS.

Imperial Returns Nos. VII. and VIII. Suits instituted.

5. The number of suits instituted in the ordinary civil courts (excluding Small Cause Courts) during the year under report aggregated 37,242 and the value of the subject matter of these suits was Rs. 1,41,45,598. The corresponding figures (deducting the number and value of suits instituted in the then Small Cause Courts) for 1882 were 39,923 suits instituted, of an aggregate value of Rs. 1,01,59,311. It will be seen therefore that although the number of suits instituted during 1883 were 2,681 less than in 1882, the value of the subject matter increased by Rs. 39,86,287. The increase is thus distributed : Fyzabad, Rs. 22,25,995; Lucknow, Rs. 12,32,877 ; Rae Bareli, Rs. 3,80,933 ; and Sitapur, Rs. 1,46,482. The average value of each suit in Fyzabad was Rs. 695 as against Rs. 340 in 1882.

Description of suits.

6. The fluctuation in the more numerous kinds of suits instituted in ordinary civil courts during the years 1882 and 1883 are shown below :—

	1882.	1883.	*Difference.*
Contract in writing	11,411	11,147	−264
Do. not in writing	7,142	5,993	−1,149
On account stated	2,714	2,431	−283
Money had and received	1,036	904	−132
Goods sold	1,628	1,498	−130
Breach of contract	1,151	942	−209
Movable property	4,357	3,282	−1,075
Damages	1,946	2,210	+264
Immovable property	5,302	5,508	+206

Courts in which suits were instituted.

7. The number of suits filed in the ordinary civil courts of each grade during the past two years was as follows :—

	1882.	1883.
Honorary Assistant Commissioners	3,792	3,696
Sub-Judges and Munsifs	36,049	33,247
District Judges	82	99

* The class of Small Cause Court cases tried by Sub-Judges is somewhat more difficult, and therefore of longer duration than the average of Small Cause Court cases proper.

† Includes cases of Small Cause Court decided by Sub-Judges.

IMPERIAL RETURN No. IX, PART I. Mode of disposal.

8. The number of suits disposed of by ordinary courts of original jurisdiction amounted to 43,159, being 2,452 less than during 1882. The mode of disposal during both years is shown below:—

	1882.	1883.	Difference.
Transferred	...	...	...
Disposed of without trial.			
Plaints rejected or returned	757	700	—57
Dismissed for default	6,787	6,615	—172
Withdrawn with leave	1,839	1,674	—265
Disposed of without contest.			
Compromised	4,155	4 308	4-153
Decreed on confession	5,347	4,710	—637
Ditto ex parte	3,775	3,571	—204
Dismissed ditto	826	763	—63
Disposed of with contest.			
Judgment for plaintiff	10,185	9,710	—475
„ defendants...	6,207	5,797	—410
On reference to arbitration.			
For plaintiff	369	338	—31
„ defendant	131	114	—17
Pending	5,233	4,859	—374

More than half the pending suits were, as in 1882, in the Fyzabad Judgeship; but the work is far heavier there than in any of the other judgeships.

Distribution of work.

9. The class of court by which these suits were disposed of and the percentage of suits in each to total suits for the province are shown in the following table:—

	Number of suits.	Percentage on total number.
Honorary Assistant Commissioners...	4,916	10·48
Munsifs	27,434	71·62
Sub-Judges	6,734	17·58
District Judges	116	·30

During 1882 the percentage of cases disposed of by Honorary Assistant Commissioners was 7·95, by Munsifs 60, by Sub-Judges 31·88, and by District Judges ·13. The apparent decrease in the percentage of cases disposed of by Sub-Judges during the year under report is due to their having disposed of 9,535 cases under their Small Cause Court powers. During the year under report District Judges disposed of on an average 29 original cases, the greatest number falling to the share of the District Judge of Lucknow.

Litigation in districts.

10. The work done in each district, exclusive of Small Cause Court work, is shown in the following table:—

District.	District Judge.	Sub-Judge.	Munsifs.	Average for each Munsif.	Honorary Assistant Commissioner.
Lucknow ...	45	570	2,013	1,006	30
Unao ...	...	290	2,586	862	251
Bara Banki...	...	646	2,281	1,140	5
Sitapur ...	22	603	3,561	1,780	493
Hardoi ...	...	293	1,963	981	1,003
Kheri ...	...	985	1,053	1,053	533
Fyzabad ...	28	383	2,098	1,049	...
Bahraich ...	...	264	2,164	2,164	1,124
Gonda ...	...	385	4,500	1,500	...
Rae Bareli ...	21	568	2,462	1,231	211
Sultanpur ...	...	958	1,227	1,227	...
Partabgarh...	...	969	1,526	1,526	66

Duration of suits.

11. The average duration of suits in the ordinary civil courts was as follows:—

	1883.
Average duration of contested suits	67 days.
„ „ uncontested suits	34 „

The average duration in the courts of each class during the year under report is given below :—

	Contested, days.	*Uncontested, days.*
Honorary Assistant Commissioners	40·09	20·93
Munsifs	56·68	35·75
Sub-Judges	71·39	31·33
District Judges	165·08	80·38

The lowest average both for contested and uncontested cases was in the courts of Honorary Assistant Commissioners. The average for contested cases was lower in the courts of Munsifs than in the courts of Sub-judges, but for uncontested cases the average in the courts of Munsifs was higher than in the courts of Sub-judges. The average duration in the courts of District Judges fell from 215 in 1882 to 165 days in 1883 in contested cases, and from 94 to 80 days in uncontested cases.

The average duration of each contested suit was highest in the Court of the District Judge, Fyzabad, *viz.*, 225 days. The Court of the District Judge, Rae Barcli, shows the highest average duration, *viz.*, 113 days for each uncontested suit.

Adjournments.

12. An extraordinary number of adjournments (*viz.* 130) in a single case occurred in the Court of Munshi Sharf Ali, Munsif of Safipur, Unao. I have called for explanation in this case. The suit in the Fyzabad district, in which there were 36 adjournments, was instituted in the Court of Munshi Sheo Sahai, Sub-judge, Fyzabad, who has now retired from the service. There were 25 adjournments in a suit in the Rae Bareli judgeship. This suit was postponed at the request of the Superintendent, Court of Wards, and has been transferred to another Court.

The District Judge, Fyzabad, very rightly remarks that "very little improvement may be expected in the matter of adjournments until native judges can be induced to take up a case on the day following in those instances when it is postponed merely because press of work prevented its being heard on the day fixed."

IMPERIAL RETURN No. IX. PART 2. Miscellaneous cases.

13. Deducting those disposed of by Small Cause Court Judges and by Sub-judges and Munsifs under their small Cause Court powers 6,389 miscellaneous cases were disposed of by ordinary civil courts. Of these 64 per cent. were contested, 2,531 being decided in favor of the plaintiff, and 1,658 in favor of the defendant: 1,320 were struck off without trial, 245 were compromised, 196 were decreed on confession, 436 were decreed or dismissed *ex parte*, and 69 were referred to arbitration. In contested cases the average duration was 31·31 days, and in uncontested cases it was 23·88 days.

IMPERIAL RETURN No. X. Appeals.

14. There was a falling off in the number of appeals before district and subordinate judges during the year under report, 4,524 having been presented, being 487 less than in 1882. A comparative statement for both years follows :—

	1882.	1883.	Percentage on total number. 1882.	1883.
Total number of appeals for trial ...	5,011	4,524		
Rejected	65	109	1·36	2·40
Transferred	2	„		
Dismissed for default	197	149	3·93	3·09
HEARD EX PARTE.				
Confirmed	51	32	1·55	1·37
Modified	8	4		
Reversed	11	15		
Remanded	8	11		
CONTESTED.				
Confirmed	2,609	2,174	51·26	48·05
Modified	329	264	6·56	5·85
Reversed	586	653	11·69	14·43
Remanded	412	324	8·22	7·16
Pending	773	798	15·42	17·63

In Fyzabad 303 appeals remained undecided at the close of the year, and there were also 224 in Rae Bareli, 149 in Lucknow, and 122 in Sitapur remaining undecided.

15. The distribution of work by districts is shown in the following statement:—

	Total for disposal.	*Total disposed of.*	*Pending.*
Lucknow	980	831	149
Sitapur	712	590	122
Fyzabad	1,727	1,424	303
Rae Bareli	1,105	881	224

The average duration of appeals fell from 95·67 days in 1882 to 72·29 days in the year under report, as shown below:—

	1882.	1883.
Lucknow	45·19	69·16
Sitapur	26·90	54·93
Fyzabad	114·06	101·23
Rae Bareli	141·09	40·04
Average ...	95·67	72·29

The highest percentages of decrees confirmed and decrees reversed were in Sitapur.

Appellate Courts.

16. The distribution of work in the appellate courts is shown below:—

District Judges.	*Appeals for disposal.*	*Disposed of.*	*Pending.*
Lucknow	772	654	118
Sitapur	712	590	122
Fyzabad	1,727	1,424	303
Rae Bareli	1,071	847	224
Sub-Judges.			
Lucknow	87	36	1
Unao	53	47	6
Bara Banki	118	94	24
Rae Bareli	34	34	...

The appellate work in Fyzabad and Rae Bareli was again far heavier than in any other district. Only 62 appeals were heard *ex parte* as against 78 in 1882. The percentage of appeals remanded under section 562, Civil Procedure Code, on the number of appeals disposed of, was high in the following Courts:—District Judge, Rae Bareli, 19·; Sub-Judges, Unao, 17·; Bara Banki, 31·, and Fyzabad, 32·.

Miscellaneous appeals.

17. The number of miscellaneous appeals disposed of by District Judges amounted to 188 (as against 191 in 1882), of which 3 were confirmed and 1 was reversed without contest; and of the contested ones 94 were confirmed, 5 modified, 28 reversed, and 13 remanded. There were 28 appeals pending at the close of the year, and the average duration was 56·85 days. The Subordinate Judge of Lucknow disposed of four miscellaneous appeals.

Appeals to Judicial Commissioner.

18. In the Judicial Commissioner's Court there were 747 appeals for disposal during the year under report, as against 620 during 1882. Of the 747 appeals 110 were from original decrees and 637 were from the decrees of appellate courts. A comparative statement of the figures for 1882 and 1883 is here given:—

	1882.	1883.	*Percentage on total for disposal.* 1882.	1883.
Rejected	109	168	18 38	23·42
Dismissed for default ...	5	7		
Heard ex parte.				
Confirmed	2	5	·96	1 47
Modified	2	1		
Reversed	2	5		
Contested.				
Confirmed	129	147	20·80	19·67
Modified	8	32	4·19	4·28
Reversed	113	78	13·22	10 44
Remanded	1	1	·62	·13
Pending	112	303	41·77	40·57

Besides the foregoing there were 115 miscellaneous appeals before the Judicial Commissioner, of which 83 were disposed of and 32 remained pending at the close of the year.

The average duration of appeals in 1882 and 1883 was :—

	1882.	1883.
Appeals from original decrees	177·7	235·9
Ditto appellate do.	103·7	128·9
Miscellaneous appeals from order of Original Courts ...	67·5	131·4
Ditto ditto Appellate Courts ...	105·9	198·7

19. There were also before the Judicial Commissioner 378 applications for revision under section 622, Act XIV. of 1882. Of these 277 were rejected or dismissed; the decrees in 19 were confirmed, in 4 modified, and in 18 reversed. Two cases were remanded, and 58 applications remained pending at the close of the year. The average duration was 51·3 days.

IMPERIAL RETURN No. XI. Execution of decrees.

20. Exclusive of applications before Sub-Judges and Munsifs on their Small Cause Court jurisdiction side there were 24,040 applications for execution of decree. A comparative statement showing how such applications were disposed of in both years is here given :—

			Percentage to total number of applications.	
	1882.	1883.	1882.	1883.
By transfer	443	518	2·15	1·88
Satisfied in full	9,492	9,253	38·49	40·29
„ in part... ...	3,157	3,366	14·00	13·43
Wholly infructuous ...	7,527	7,812	32·49	32·45
Pending	2,781	3,001	12·85	11·83

The manner in which decrees were executed during the year under report was as follows :—

By imprisonment of debtor	177
„ arrest „	195
„ sale of movable property	2,052
„ attachment of „	4,095
„ sale of immovable property	687
„ dealing with immovable property under sections 305, 312, or 326, C. C. P.	47
By attachment of immovable property	659
„ giving possession of movable „	72
„ Ditto immovable property...	1,991
„ enforcement of contract	32
„ partition	7
„ other means	3,519

IMPERIAL RETURN No. XII. Insolvency.

21. There were 43 applications for declaration of insolvency before the Courts, of which 7 were granted and 26 rejected, leaving 10 pending at the close of the year.

PROVINCIAL RETURN No. XV.

22. The number of witnesses who came before the Courts during the year under report aggregated 54,802, being 801 more than in 1882. The percentage of those detained one day was the same as in 1882, *viz.* 95 per cent., and 1,875 persons were detained two days, 390 for three days, 30 for four days, and 10 for five days.

I have had occasion to remind presiding officers of Courts that this statement should be a faithful record of the number of days a witness is present at Court and not merely a record of the time he was under examination.

Process Fees.

23. The receipts of Civil Courts, including Small Cause Courts, on account of processes amounted to Rs. 84,848, being Rs. 3,447 more than during 1882. Expenditure amounted to Rs. 62,251, leaving a surplus of Rs. 22,597.

Sale Commission Fund.

24. The receipts amounted to Rs. 9,316, being Rs. 1,602 more than in 1882, and after defrayal of all charges there was a surplus of Rs. 5,577 in hand.

25. *Lucknow.*—Bastawar lists were prepared and labels double punched in 9,650 files. Lists were prepared and B. papers of 6,352 files were destroyed. Civil files for the years 1862 to 1872, numbering 17,459, were taken over from the Deputy Commissioner's record-room.

Records.

Sitapur.—Five thousand A. files and four thousand B. files were weeded during the year.

Hardoi.—The weeding of 5,185 A. files and 1,876 B. files was completed during the year.

Fyzabad.—Only 2,605 B. files were weeded.

Gonda.—The weeding of 2,187 A. files and of 2,817 B. files was completed during the year.

Bahraich.—The old records being still in the Deputy Commissioner's record-room, it was only possible to weed 1,834 B. files.

Rae Bareli.—No less than 17,014 files (A. 5,881, B. 11,133) were weeded.

Sultanpur.—Besides the weeding of 11,288 files 9,149 were taken over from the Deputy Commissioner's record-room and were registered and re-arranged.

Partabgarh.—The weeding of 5,981 files was completed.

SMALL CAUSE COURTS.

26 The number of suits instituted in Small Cause Courts proper and in the Courts of Munsifs and Sub-judges invested with powers under section 24, Act XIII. of 1879, aggregated 16,314 during 1883 as against 13,127 during 1882. The figures for both years are as under:—

IMPERIAL RETURN No. VII. Suits instituted

	Lucknow City.	*Lucknow Cantonments.*	*Fyzabad Cantonments.*	*Munsifs and Sub-Judges.*
1882	5,014	410	224	7,479
1883	4,598	369	74	11,273
	−416	−41	+150	+3,794

The decrease in the figures for the Lucknow City is owing to numerous claims against the estates of two members of the ex-Royal Family having ceased.

In Fyzabad the present Cantonment Magistrate exercises the powers of a Small Cause Court in the Cantonment *only*, whereas a former incumbent exercised these powers in the city as well.

The increase shown under Munsifs and Sub-Judges is due to 16 officers having exercised Small Cause Court powers during the year under report, whereas only 12 officers had such jurisdiction during 1882.

A comparison of the figures for both years shows an increase in suits under—

	1882.	1883.	*Difference.*
Contract in writing	3,671	4,569	898
Ditto not in writing	2,552	2,844	292
On account stated	1,716	2,240	524
Money had and received	272	480	208
Goods sold	1,951	2,045	94
Breach of contract	453	640	187
Rent (not falling under Rent Act)	439	540	101
Movable property	658	1,636	978
Damages	360	757	397

and a decrease under—

Wages, work and materials	600	563	37

27. The subject matter of the suits instituted in Small Cause Courts of every kind was valued at Rs. 5,55,122, being Rs. 1,22,546 more than the estimated value of suits instituted in 1882. The value of suits instituted in 1882 in the Courts of Sub-Judges on the Small Cause Court side aggregated Rs. 2,45,826, and in the year under report Rs. 3,64,243, being an increase of Rs. 1,18,417.

IMPERIAL RETURN No. VIII. Value of suits instituted.

In the Lucknow City Small Cause Court the estimated value of suits rose from Rs. 1,68,424 in 1882 to Rs. 1,90,622 in 1883.

The increase in each class of suit in the Courts of Sub-Judges and Munsifs exercising Small Cause Court powers as well as Small Cause Courts proper is shown below :—

	1882.	1883.	Increase.
Not exceeding Rs 10	5,410	6,503	1,093
Ditto „ 50	5,610	7,499	1,889
Ditto „ 100	1,116	1,251	135
Ditto „ 500	923	1,060	137

The average value per suit rose from Rs. 32-15-0 in 1882 to Rs. 34 during 1883, and of the total number of suits only 14 per cent. were valued at more than Rs. 50 each as against 18 per cent. in 1882.

IMPERIAL RETURN No. IX. Results of trials.

28. Inclusive of suits instituted on the Small Cause Court side in the courts of Munsifs and Sub-Judges there were 18,278 suits before the Courts as against 14,099 in 1882. The manner in which the suits were disposed of and the percentage on the total number of suits is given below :—

Without trial	3,376	18·46
Without contest.		
Compromised	2,110	11·54
Decreed on confession	2,905	15·89
„ *ex parte*	2,628	14·34
Dismissed	248	1·35
With contest.		
By arbitration	80	·43
Judgment for plaintiff	3,994	21·84
„ defendant	2,048	11·20
Pending	894	4·89

It will be observed that 7,638 cases were disposed of without contest and 6,042 by the judgment of the Court after contest. The large number of cases disposed of at a minimum of trouble and expense to parties and witnesses indicated by the figures showing cases settled without contest is very satisfactory, and exhibits the wide usefulness of this form of Court as a machinery for compelling the speedy and just settlement of claims.

Average duration.

29. In the Lucknow City Court the average duration was 10·95 days in contested and 12·02 in uncontested suits, being somewhat less than in 1882, when it was 11·93 and 13·03 respectively. In the Lucknow Cantonment Court it was 11·35 days for contested and 9·45 days for uncontested suits as against 10·61 and 14·33 in 1882. The number of suits disposed of in the Fyzabad Cantonment Court fell from 232 in 1882 to 73, and the average duration from 13·62 to 9·70 days in contested and from 13·60 to 8·66 days in uncontested suits. In Sub-Judges' Courts the average duration was 50·42 days in contested and 35·24 days in uncontested suits, whilst in Munsifs' courts it was 46·51 days in contested and 38·09 days in uncontested suits.

IMPERIAL RETURN No. IX., PART 2. Miscellaneous cases.

30. The miscellaneous cases before the Courts, inclusive of Sub-Judges and Munsifs, rose from 624 in 1882 to 736 in 1883. Of these 146 or 19·8 per cent. were disposed of without trial, 48 without contest, and 502 or 68·2 per cent. with contest, 217 being in favor of plaintiff, and 285 of defendant. Forty cases remained pending at the close of the year as against 12 at the close of 1882.

IMPERIAL RETURN No. XI. Execution of decrees.

31. From the figures given below it will be seen that there was a decrease in applications for execution of decree in the Courts of Small Causes proper :—

	1882.	1883.
Lucknow City Court	4,211	4,674
Ditto Cantonment Court	251	181
Fyzabad ditto	19	19
Sub-Judges and Munsifs	1,450	2,684
Total	6,431	7,558

Adding 316 cases pending from the previous year and 40 received by transfer, there were 7,914 cases before the Courts, which were disposed of as follows :—

		Percentage to total number of cases.
By transfer	479	6 05
Satisfied in full	2,598	32·82
Satisfied in part	1,451	18 33
Wholly infructuous	2,993	37·81
Pending	393	4·96
In which debtor imprisoned	113	1·42
„ arrested	92	1·16
„ moveable property sold	493	6·22
„ „ attached	878	11·09
Execution effected otherwise	2,531	31·98
	1882.	1883.
Amount realized with issue of process	74,662	89,351
„ „ without issue of process	17,767	15,455

The realizations on issue of process exceeded the amount realized in 1882 by Rs. 14,689, but the realizations without issue of process fell off by Rs. 2,312.

The following table gives the results for the past two years :—

			Percentage to total number of applications.	
	1882.	1883.	1882.	1883.
Decree satisfied in full	2,177	2,598	32·65	32 82
Ditto in part	1,403	1,451	21·17	18·33
Wholly infructuous	2,387	2,993	36·01	37·81

32. Only 17 witnesses out 3,113 who were examined in Small Cause Courts proper were detained two days, the remainder being dismissed on the same day that they appeared.

PROVINCIAL RETURN No. XV.
Witness statement.

RENT COURTS.

33. There was a falling off in the number of suits filed under the Oudh Rent Act as compared with the previous year in which 34,711 suits were filed, whilst 31,623 were instituted during the year under report.

IMPERIAL RETURN No. VII.
Suits instituted.

The decrease occurred in nine out of twelve districts as shown below :—

	1882.	1883.	Decrease.
Hardoi	4,005	3,223	782
Sultanpur	4,504	3,781	723
Unao	4,400	3,829	571
Gonda	4,098	3,801	297
Rae Bareli	2,600	2,363	237
Lucknow	2,004	1,781	223
Bara Banki	2,407	2,185	222
Kheri	770	636	134
Sitapur	1,963	1,898	65

Three districts show an increase :—

			Increase.
Sitapur	796	877	81
Partabgarh	3,042	3,119	77
Fyzabad	4,122	4,130	8

The following statement shows the number of each class of suits instituted in 1882 and 1883 :—

	1882.	1883.	Difference.
Arrears of rent with or without ejectment, &c.	18,751	19,486	+ 735
Enhancement or abatement of rent	67	50	— 27
Relating to distraint	356	481	+ 125
Damages for extortion, &c.	154	170	+ 16
For pattas or kabuliats	11	27	+ 16
For ejectment or recovery of possession	1,976	1,008	— 968
For recovery of money or accounts from agents	173	89	— 84
Other suits	13,213	10,312	— 2,901

34. The increase in suits for arrears of rent was mainly in the districts of Fyzabad, Gonda and Rae Bareli. Regarding the first named district the Commissioner writes :—"The large increase in the number of suits for arrears of rent (without patta) is an unsatisfactory indication of

Suits for arrears of rent

the looseness of the relations subsisting between landlord and tenant generally." The Deputy Commissioner, Rae Bareli, writes: "There is one patent fact that the landlords do not appear to avail themselves of the power of distraint as freely as they might do, and money-lenders and others who have civil decrees against the cultivators step in and take out execution against the produce which should have gone to pay the rent." The Commissioner remarks that "the suits for arrears of rent, although more numerous than in 1882, do not cause any surprise."

Suits to contest notice of ejectment.

35. These suits are included in the heading "Other suits." The decrease, as compared with the figures for 1882, in the number of these suits, is a consequence of the marked diminution in the issue of notices of ejectment by landlords this year, a circumstance prominently noticed by many Deputy Commissioners. It may be that the rent enquiry which took place during the year under report has led to a suspension of action on the part of zamindars in the expectation of some change being made in the existing law. During the present year the stream of suits to contest ejectment began as usual about the middle of April and lasted all May. These suits are much more numerous this year, 1884, than during the year under review.

Imperial Return No. VIII. Value of suits.

36. The value of the subject matter of the suits amounted to Rs. 9,96,524 as against Rs. 10,28,433, being a decrease of Rs. 32,109 on the figures for 1882. A little over 12 per cent. of the suits were valued at more than Rs. 50 each.

Imperial Return No. IX. Disposal of suits.

37. The number of suits, 33,532, that came before the courts was less by 3,633 than during the previous year. The following comparative statement shows the disposal of suits in both years:—

	1883.	1882.	Percentage to total number of suits. 1882.	1883.
Without trial.				
Rejected	275	321	·73	·95
Dismissed	4,336	3,518	11·66	10·49
Withdrawn	1,366	1,209	3·67	3·60
Without contest.				
Compromised	1,786	1,554	4·80	4·63
Decreed on confession	3,761	3,663	10·11	10·92
Ditto *ex parte*	5,346	5,453	14·38	16·26
Dismissed *ex parte*	1,092	946	2·93	2·82
By arbitration.				
For plaintiff	9	27	·79	·09
„ defendant	12	6		
With contest.				
For plaintiff	12,396	10,676	33·35	31·83
„ defendant	5,646	5,064	15·19	15·10
Pending	1,074	1,095	2·91	3·26

Imperial Return No. IX. Part B. Miscellaneous cases.

38. There was a falling off in the number of miscellaneous cases that came before the Courts as compared with the figures for 1882, in which year there were 15,872, whereas during the year under report there were 13,791. Of these 1,815 being 13·16 per cent. were struck off without trial; 922 or 6·68 per cent. were compromised; 4,927 or 35·72 per cent. were decided without contest, and 4 were referred to arbitration. The contested cases aggregated 5,820, of which 4,069 or 69·9 per cent. were decided in favor of the plaintiff and 1,771 or 30·12 per cent. in favor of the defendant.

Imperial Return No. X. Appeals.

39. The courts had before them 2,994 appeals, being 435 less than during 1882. The manner of disposal was as follows:—

	Heard ex parte.
Summarily rejected	41
Dismissed	122
Confirmed	79
Reversed	27
Modified or remanded	62

	Contested.
Confirmed	1,504
Modified	217
Reversed	503
Remanded	243
Pending	238

40. The appeals disposed of by Commissioners numbered 1,549, and Deputy Commissioners disposed of 1,223. The largest number of appeals was on the file of the Commissioner, Fyzabad Division, and that officer disposed of 432 out of 483. In Commissioners' Courts the average duration was 48·01 as against 56·27 days in 1882. The greatest number of appeals disposed of in a Deputy Commissioner's Court was 238 in Unao, and the smallest number was 37 in Sitapur. The average duration in Deputy Commissioners' Courts was 35·82 days, whereas in 1882 it was 28·07.

The appeals before the Judicial Commissioner numbered 410, of which 150 were rejected or dismissed, and two heard *ex parte* were remanded. Out of 108 contested appeals there were 61 confirmed, 10 modified, 36 reversed, and 1 was remanded. At the close of the year 150 appeals remained pending. The average duration rose from 93·1 days in 1882 to 128·9 in the year under report.

41. There were 242 miscellaneous appeals before the Courts of Commissioners and Deputy Commissioners, being 21 more than in 1882. Nineteen were rejected or dismissed and 19 were heard *ex parte*. Of those that were contested 104 were confirmed, 10 were modified, 38 were reversed, and 34 were remanded. Only 18 remained pending at the close of the year, and the average duration was 37·89 days.

IMPERIAL RETURN No. X., PART 2. Miscellaneous appeals.

In the Judicial Commissioner's Court there were 30 similar appeals, of which 6 were rejected or dismissed, and of 15 contested appeals 11 were confirmed, and 4 reversed, leaving 9 pending at the close of the year. The average duration was 161 days.

42. There was a slight increase in the number of applications for execution of decree as compared with the number made in 1882. In the year under report there were 13,804, and in 1882 there were 13,442. A comparative statement showing how such applications were disposed of in both years is here given :—

IMPERIAL RETURN No. XI. Execution of decrees.

			Percentage to total number of applications.	
	1882.	1883.	1882.	1883.
By transfer	49	39	·36	·28
Satisfaction in full	6,039	6,418	45·43	46·45
Ditto in part	1,934	1,904	14·38	13·79
Wholly infructuous	4,031	4,133	29·98	29·94
Pending	1,389	1,315	10·33	9·52
In which debtor imprisoned	161	176	1·19	1·28
Ditto arrested	171	162	1·27	1·17
In which movable property sold ...	1,619	1,458	12·04	10·56
Ditto ditto attached ...	3,139	2,930	20·35	21·22
Ditto immovable property sold ...	431	384	3·20	2·78
Ditto ditto dealt with under sec. 305, &c., Act XIV. of 1882.	61	44	·45	·31
In which immovable property attached ...	391	435	2·90	3·15
Ditto possession given of movables ...	5	10	·03	·07
Ditto ditto immovables,	113	132	·84	·95
Ditto contract was enforced ...	17	13	·12	·09
Ditto execution otherwise effected ...	2,139	2,479	16·55	17·95
Amount realized { With issue of process ...	2,55,853	3,26,342	...	...
Amount realized { Without issue of process ...	26,430	23,557	...	...

Hardoi again shows the best results, having satisfied in full 57 per cent. of decrees.

43. The number of witnesses examined aggregated 16,121, and of these 15,867 or 98 per cent. as in 1882 were discharged on the day they appeared ; 247 were detained two days, 5 for three days, and 2 for four days.

PROVINCIAL RETURN No. XV. Witnesses examined.

The Deputy Commissioner, Unao (Mr. Crawford), writes :—"I demurred seriously to the correctness of this return last year. I have taken an opportunity of testing the

particulars given, and am disposed to retract my former opinion and to accept its correctness as very fairly established." The Deputy Commissioner, Sitapur, remarks:—"There can be no doubt that an effort is made to release witnesses on the first day and that the very great majority are not detained beyond that time * * *. But I cannot believe that the return is yet trustworthy." The Deputy Commissioner, Kheri, called up 27 cases in which witnesses were examined and found that through an oversight in two cases a witness was detained two days whereas only one day's detention was registered. The Deputy Commissioner, Fyzabad, states: "Again I believe this return is quite accurate." The Deputy Commissioner, Bahraich, remarks: "I have no reason to doubt the correctness of the return from which these figures are taken, as the registers are periodically checked with the records of the cases." In Gonda it would seem that "the return has been compiled from the Court registers which have been tested by the Presiding Officers." The Deputy Commissioner, Rae Bareli, remarks—"This return looks too good to be true, but I believe it is trustworthy as all the officers, except those who have left the districts, have attested the entries for their own courts, and I myself have called for cases and compared the entries in the registers with them and found them correct."—In Sultanpur "The files fail to show any probable error as to the detention of witnesses." The Deputy Commissioner, Partabgarh (Major Grigg), states: "I have compared a large number of cases, in which postponements were numerous, with the registers, and find that in many instances the entries in the registers were manifestly wrong, not only as regards detention, but as to the number of witnesses examined." I quite agree with the Commissioner, Rae Bareli Division, who writes: "The Presiding Officer should pay more attention to this subject and should come down heavily on subordinates who fudge these returns."

If Presiding Officers of Courts were to see that the plain directions printed at the foot of the pattern registers were observed, very few mistakes would pass undetected. During the current year I had occasion to write as follows to a Commissioner:—

"The fault lies with the Munshi in not complying with the instructions given on patterns of Register No. I. and Register No. XV. Presiding Officers of Courts are themselves to examine their Court Munshi's memoranda and see that these orders are complied with. These orders apply to all witnesses, whether in Criminal or Rent cases."

44. The number of processes served during the year under report being 270,942, was less by 46,465 than in the previous year during which 317,407 were served. The receipts amounted to Rs. 72,674, the expenditure to Rs. 48,874, leaving a surplus of Rs. 23,800. In the previous year the surplus amounted to Rs. 38,936.

PROVINCIAL RETURN No. XVI
Process Fee Fund.

45. During the year under report the receipts of the Sale Commission Fund amounted to Rs. 4,032, being Rs. 1,002 less than in 1882. After the defrayal of all charges a surplus of Rs. 1,634 remained, being exactly Rs. 1,000 less than at the close of 1882.

PROVINCIAL RETURN No. XVIII,
Sale Commission Funds.

JUDICIAL COMMISSIONER'S COURT.

46. In addition to the appeals referred to at paras. 18, 40, and 41 and applications for revision noted at para. 19 of this report, 41 miscellaneous applications were disposed of. Ten references for rulings were also made to this Court, and were disposed of.

Revision and reference

Besides the foregoing the Judicial Commissioner dealt with 11 applications for leave to appeal to Her Majesty's Privy Council, and 23 applications from pleaders for enrolment or promotion.

Miscellaneous.

I have the honor to be,
SIR,
Your most obedient servant,

W. YOUNG,
Officiating Judicial Commissioner, Oudh.

APPENDICES.

IMPERIAL RETURN No. VII.—(CIVIL AND RENT.)

Showing the number and description of Civil and Rent suits instituted in the Courts of the Province of Oudh during the year 1883.

Class of Tribunal.	*Suits for money or movable property.*										*Suits under the Rent Law.*							
	Contract in writing.	Contract not in writing.	On account stated.	Money had and received.	Goods sold.	Wages, work and materials.	Breach of contract not mentioned above.	Rent not falling under the Rent law.	Movable property or value thereof.	Damages.	Arrears of rent with or without ejectment or cancelments of lease.	Enhancement or abatement of rent.	Relating to distraint.	Damages for ejectment or withholding receipts or on account of illegal restraint or other cause.	For pattahs or kabuliats.	For ejectment or recovery of possession.	For recovery of money or accounts from Agents.	All other suits under the rent law not included above.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Civil Courts.																		
Unpaid tribunals	973	1,024	427	91	278	48	257	24	496	142	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Paid sub divisional tribunals ...	13,595	7,197	3,303	1,266	2,173	637	1,224	432	4,243	2 742	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Small Cause Courts	1,128	616	941	27	1,292	353	100	327	178	79	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
District Courts	20	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	15,716	8,837	4,671	1,384	3,743	1,038	1,582	783	4,918	2,967	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...
Revenue (Rent) Courts.																		
Unpaid local tribunals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	384	...	...	...	...	...	...	27
Other subordinate Courts ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	19,060	50	479	170	27	1,000	89	9,866
District Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	42	...	2	...	...	8	...	419
Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	19,486	50	481	170	27	1,008	89	10,312
Courts at the seat of Government.																		
Presidency Small Cause Courts ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Superior Courts ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
GRAND TOTAL ...	15,716	8,837	4,671	1,384	3,743	1,038	1,582	783	4,918	2,967	19,486	50	481	170	27	1,008	89	10,312

IMPERIAL RETURN No. VII.—(Civil and Rent.)—(*concluded.*)

Showing the number and description of Civil and Rent suits instituted in the Courts of the Province of Oudh during the year 1883.

Class of tribunal.	Title and other suits.																		
	Suits for immoveable property.	Suits for declaratory decrees.	Other suits under the Specific Relief Act.	Suits to declare and establish rights to real property, including pre-emption, foreclosure, &c.	Suits to declare and establish personal rights.	Suits for an account.	Suits relating to religious endowments.	Suits to set aside judgments, contracts, or obligations on the ground of fraud.	Suits for dissolution of marriage.	Suits for enforcement of matrimonial rights.	Suits for partition.	Suits relating to shipping.	Suits relating to religion and caste.	Administration suits.	Interpleader suits.	Dissolution of partnership.	Suits under section 281, Act X. of 1865 (also Hindu Wills Act.)	Other suits not falling under any of the previous heads.	Grand total.
1	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38
Civil Courts.																			
Unpaid tribunals	41	4	6	4	15	1	...	1	...	22	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	49	3,895
Paid sub-divisional tribunals,	5,417	238	148	870	115	19	5	164	10	225	57	...	6	1	1	8	4	425	44,520
Small Cause Courts ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5,941
District Courts	47	1	3	7	1	7	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	2	89
Total ...	5,505	243	157	881	131	27	5	168	10	247	57	...	6	1	1	5	4	469	53,556
Revenue (Rent) Courts.																			
Unpaid local tribunals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	211
Other subordinate courts ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	30,941
District courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	471
Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	31,623
Courts at the seat of Government.																			
Presidency Small Cause Courts,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Superior Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Grand Total ...	5,505	243	157	881	131	27	5	168	11	247	57	...	6	1	1	5	4	469	85,180

IMPERIAL RETURN No. VIII.—(Civil and Rent).

Showing number and value of suits instituted in the Civil and Rent Courts in the Province of Oudh during the year 1883.

Class of Courts.	Number of suits instituted in the different Courts.									Total value of suits.	Remarks.
	Not exceeding Rs. 10.	Not exceeding Rs. 50	Not exceeding Rs. 100.	Not exceeding Rs. 500.	Not exceeding Rs. 1,000.	Not exceeding Rs. 5,000.	Not exceeding Rs. 10,000.	Exceeding Rs. 10,000.	Number of suits the value of which cannot be estimated in money		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
										Rs. a. p.	
Civil Courts.											
Unpaid Tribunals	1,515	1,880	401	72	...	...	...	...	28	95,655 13 0	
Paid sub-divisional tribunals	13,485	19 936	5,249	4,226	673	471	53	...	427	36,22,966 3 0	
Small Cause Courts	2,352	1,822	392	474	...	...	...	...	...	1,90,-79 0 7	
District Courts	...	...	1	3	2	6	2	83	3	1,07,91,216 11 0	
Total	17,352	23,639	6,043	4,775	675	477	55	83	457	1,47,00,719 11 7	
Revenue (Rent) Courts.											
Unpaid local tribunals	105	85	11	10	...	...	...	...	...	5,093 14 9	
Other Subordinate Courts	13,902	13,076	2,228	1,318	135	62	...	...	5	9,69,159 4 5	
District Courts	242	176	38	12	1	...	...	1	1	22,271 7 11	
Total	14,249	13,337	2,277	1,340	136	62	...	1	6	9,96,524 11 1	
Courts at the seat of Government...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Presidency Small Cause Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Superior Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	
Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	
Grand Total	31,601	36,976	8,320	6,115	811	539	55	84	464	1,56,97,244 6 8	

IMPERIAL RETURN No. IX.—(Civil and Rent.)

Statement showing the general result of the trial of Civil and Revenue (Rent) cases in the Courts of original jurisdiction in the Province of Oudh, during the year 1883.

PART I.—Civil and Rent suits.

Class of courts.	Total number of suits before the courts.	Number of suits disposed of.										Pending at the close of the year.	Number of cases pending more than three months at the close of year.	Average duration of suits.		Remarks.
		Transferred to courts in other Provinces.	Without trial.	Without contest.				On reference to arbitration		With contest.				Contested.	Uncontested.	
				Compromised.	Decreed on confession.	Decreed ex parte.	Dismissed ex parte.	For plaintiff.	For defendant.	Judgment for plaintiff in whole or in part.	Judgment for defendant.					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
I.—Civil Courts.																
Unpaid tribunals	4,257	...	1,024	622	967	382	67	38	18	669	289	241	39	40·93	20 99	
Paid sub-divisional tribunals	24,080	...	7,568	3,223	3,330	2,977	684	216	72	7,492	4,569	3,969	1,261	63·93	36 78	
Small Cause Courts	5,294	...	464	341	1,393	1,362	7	1	...	1,218	456	122	3	10·96	11 81	
District Courts other than Chief Courts of districts ...	17,652	...	3,291	2,224	1,990	1,469	253	144	41	4,324	2,533	1,383	331	61·17	33·92	
Chief Courts of districts	153	...	18	8	5	4	...	2	...	60	18	38	23	165·08	80·38	
Total ...	51,436	...	12,365	6,418	7,615	6,194	1,011	401	131	13,703	7,845	5,753	1,647	58·16	32·00	
II.—Revenue (Rent) Courts.																
Unpaid local tribunals	233	...	31	6	29	23	3	4	...	85	26	28	...	29·59	15 47	
Paid sub-divisional tribunals	13,320	...	2,160	745	2,221	2,661	206	7	...	3,879	1,128	315	2	38 19	20·39	
Other Subordinate Courts	19,469	...	2,778	798	1,400	2,740	706	15	6	6,548	3,744	754	33	27·33	25.09	
District Courts	490	...	79	7	13	29	31	1	...	164	166	...	...	15·86	44·69	
Total ...	33,532	...	5,048	1,554	3,663	5,453	946	27	6	10,676	5,064	1,095	35	29·97	24 75	
Superior Courts ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	94·	...	
Grand Total ...	94,969	...	17,413	7,972	11,278	11,647	1,957	428	137	24,380	12,909	6,848	1,682	41·77	26·48	

IMPERIAL RETURN No. 1X.—(Civil and Rent).

Statement showing the general result of the trial of Civil and Revenue (Rent) cases in the Courts of Original jurisdiction in the Province of Oudh, during the year 1883

PART II.—Miscellaneous cases.

Class of Courts.	Total number of cases before the Courts.	Number of cases disposed of.										Pending at the close of the year.	Number of cases pending more than three months at the end of the year.	Average duration of cases.		Remarks.
		Transferred to Courts in other provinces.	Without trial.	Without contest.				On reference to arbitration.		With contest.						
				Compromised.	Decreed on confession.	Decreed ex parte.	Dismissed ex parte.	For plaintiff.	For defendant.	Judgment for plaintiff in whole or part.	Judgment for defendant.			Contested.	Uncontested.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
I.—Civil Court.																
Unpaid tribunals	267	...	98	14	13	10	...	2	1	44	48	37	10	34·56	22·00	
Paid sub-divisional tribunals	4,103	1	871	164	160	103	99	2	...	1,414	1,002	286	51	30·19	24·69	
Small Cause Courts	230	...	99	9	2	7	...	...	...	37	71	5	...	7·12	3·46	
District Courts other than Chief Courts of districts ...	2,293	...	289	79	27	106	33	60	76	876	573	172	9	24·22	18·09	
Chief Courts of districts	783	...	109	2	...	73	22	3	...	310	172	92	18	52·01	37·67	
Total ...	7,675	1	1,466	268	202	301	154	67	77	2,681	1,866	592	88	29·90	23·06	
II.—Revenue (Rent) Courts.																
Unpaid local tribunals	14	...	1	...	2	...	...	...	...	6	3	2	1	20·22	15 09	
Paid sub-divisional tribunals	6,859	...	631	743	918	2,268	398	...	3	1,529	268	101	1	21·74	40·60	
Other Subordinate Courts	6,780	...	1,167	178	254	934	134	1	...	2,462	1,460	190	5	3·39	33 61	
District Courts	137	...	16	1	...	16	3	...	...	52	40	9	...	24 30	32·33	
Total ...	13,790	...	1,815	922	1,174	3,218	535	1	3	4,049	1,771	302	7	28·46	31 49	
Grand Total ...	21,465	1	3,281	1,190	1,376	3,519	689	68	80	6,730	3,637	894	95	31 92	32·15	

IMPERIAL RETURN No. X.—(Civil and Rent.)

Statement showing the business of the Civil and Revenue (Rent) Appellate Courts of the Province of Oudh during the year 1883.

PART I.—Appeals from Decrees.

Class of Courts.	Total number of appeals before the Courts.	Transferred to Courts in other provinces.	Appeals summarily rejected.	Dismissed for default or otherwise not prosecuted.	Heard ex parte.				Contested.				Pending.	Of these pending more than three months.	Average duration of appeals.	Objections under Section 561, Act XIV. of 1882.	Remarks.
					Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded.	Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded.					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.																	
Appeals from original decrees.																	
A.—Civil Courts.																	
Chief Appellate Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts ...	242	...	3	12	5	...	...	...	92	19	29	51	31	6	50·71	...	
Chief Appellate Courts of Districts	4,282	...	106	128	27	4	15	11	2,082	245	624	273	767	118	73 05	77	
Superior Appellate Courts other than Chief Court of Province, ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Total ...	4,524	...	109	140	32	4	15	11	2,174	264	653	324	798	124	72·29	77	
B—Revenue (Rent) Courts.																	
Collectors' Appellate Courts	1,668	...	28	75	27	3	10	5	775	184	287	148	126	4	35·82	3	
Commissioners' Appellate Courts	1,326	...	13	47	52	13	17	1	729	33	216	95	110	23	48 01	...	
Total ...	2,994	...	41	122	79	16	27	6	1,504	217	503	243	236	27	42·88	3	
Courts at the Presidency or seat of Government.																	
Chief Court of Province. — Appeals from original decrees ... { Civil ...	110	...	7	...	...	...	...	...	15	8	14	1	65	54	235·9	5	
Rent ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Appeals from appellate decrees ... { Civil ...	637	...	161	7	5	1	5	...	132	24	64	...	233	175	163 7	9	
Rent ...	410	...	145	5	...	...	...	2	61	10	36	1	150	78	128 9	...	
Total ...	1,157	...	313	12	5	1	5	2	208	42	114	2	453	307	155 42	14	
Grand Total ...	8,675	...	463	274	116	21	47	19	3,886	523	1,270	569	1,487	458	68·27	94	

IMPERIAL RETURN No. X.—(Civil and Rent.)

Statement shewing the business of the Civil and Revenue (Rent) Appellate Courts of the Province of Oudh during the year 1883.

PART II.—Miscellaneous.

Class of Courts.	Total number of appeals before the Courts.	Transferred to Courts in other provinces.	Appeals summarily rejected	Dismissed for default or otherwise not prosecuted.	Heard ex parte.				Contested.				Pending.	Of those pending more than three months.	Average duration of appeals.	Objections under section 561, Act XIV. of 1882.	Remarks.
					Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded.	Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded.					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.																	
Appeals from original decrees.																	
A.—Civil Courts.																	
Chief Appellate Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts ...	4	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	2	...	...	29 50	...	
Chief Appellate Courts of Districts	216	...	17	6	3	...	1	1	94	5	48	13	28	5	56·85	1	
Superior Appellate Courts other than Chief Courts of Province,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Total ...	220	...	17	7	3	...	1	1	95	5	48	15	28	5	56·28	1	
B.—Revenue (Rent) Courts.																	
Collectors' Appellate Courts	102	...	6	5	4	...	6	...	50	2	17	5	7	...	14 22	...	
Commissioners' Appellate Courts	140	...	4	4	4	1	3	1	54	8	21	29	11	1	44 14	...	
Total ...	242	...	10	9	8	1	9	1	104	10	38	34	18	1	37·89	...	
Courts at the Presidency or seat of Government.																	
Chief Court of Province ... { Appeals from original decrees (Civil) ...	70	...	13	1	...	...	2	...	24	1	7	1	21	11	131 4	...	
{ Appeal from appellate decrees { Civil ..	45	...	8	1	...	...	...	...	11	1	13	...	11	7	198·7	...	
{ Rent...	30	...	5	1	...	...	...	...	11	...	4	...	9	7	181·3	...	
Applications for revision under section 622, Act XIV. of 1882.	378	...	273	4	...	...	...	...	19	4	18	2	58	39	51·3	...	
Total ...	523	...	299	7	...	...	2	...	65	6	42	3	99	64	77·9	...	
Grand Total ...	985	...	326	23	11	1	12	2	264	21	128	52	145	70	47·71	1	

IMPERIAL RETURN No. XI.—(Civil and Rent).

Statement showing the result of proceedings on applications for the execution of the decrees of the Civil and Revenue (Rent) Courts in the Province of Oudh during the year 1883.

Class of Courts.	Total number of applications for the execution of decree before the courts.	Applications disposed of				Pending at the end of the year.	Number of applications pending more than three months at the close of the year.	Amount realised.		Number of applications.											
		By transfer.	Satisfaction obtained in full.	Satisfaction obtained in part.	Wholly infructuous.			With the issue of process.	Without the issue of process.	On which the judgment-debtor was imprisoned.	On which he was arrested but released without imprisonment	On which moveable property.		On which immoveable property.			On which possession was given.		On which specific performance was enforced.	On which partition was effected.	Remarks.
												Was sold.	Was attached, but subsequently released.	Was sold.	Was dealt with under sec tions 305, 322 or 326, Act XIV of 1877.	Was attached but subsequently released under section 275.	Of moveables.	Of immoveables.			
I	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	21
								Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.													
Courts in the Interior.																						
I.—*Civil Courts.*																						
Unpaid tribunals ...	1,316	28	542	203	396	147	24	13,678 7 11	400 2 5	4	14	143	467	14	...	11	13	112	...	...	65	
Paid subdivisional tribunals ...	15,483	345	6,221	2,109	4,808	2,000	609	2,14,507 11 1½	9,778 9 2	112	122	1,418	2,738	462	21	536	37	1,240	26	6	2,282	
Small Cause Courts ...	5,003	306	1,469	1,053	2,067	108	11	47,569 2 8	12,566 10 11	78	65	114	124	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	983	
District Courts ...	9,874	307	3,539	1,398	3,478	1,152	333	4,73,640 4 11	18,552 7 6	95	89	844	1,588	206	20	312	26	720	6	2	1,654	
Chief Courts of districts ...	278	11	73	54	56	84	35	2,14,318 0 2	10,864 3 3	1	2	6	36	11	6	12	...	19	...	...	63	
Total ...	31,954	997	11,851	4,817	10,805	3,484	1,012	9,63,713 10 9½	52,122 1 3	290	28	2,525	4,973	693	47	871	76	1,991	32	8	6,037	
II.—*Revenue (Rent) Courts.*																						
Unpaid local tribunals ...	59	...	29	1	16	13	12	1,525 14 6	...	...	1	8	6	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	18	
Other Subordinate Courts ...	5,639	8	2 980	703	1,598	350	58	49,178 15 2	1,918 9 10	60	9	5 7	1,486	144	3	155	...	12	13	...	1,151	
District Courts ...	8,072	31	3,877	1,198	2,517	949	262	1,75,110 12 3	19,958 8 3	117	68	891	1,491	238	41	279	10	117	3	...	1,296	
Chief Courts of districts ...	34	...	27	2	2	3	1	526 13 6	1,685 6 3	1	...	2	7	1	...	...	...	3	...	...	14	
Total ..	13,804	39	6,413	1,904	4,133	1,315	333	2,26 342 8 5	23,587 8 4	178	16	1,458	2 980	384	44	435	10	132	13	...	2,479	
Grand Total ...	45,758	1,036	18,264	6,721	14,938	4,799	1,345	11,90,056 3 2½	75 679 9 7	477	449	4,003	7,563	1,077	91	1,306	86	2,123	45	8	8,516	

IMPERIAL RETURN No. XII.—(CIVIL).

Proceedings in Insolvency under Chapter XX., Act XIV. of 1882, *in the Districts of the Province of Oudh, during the year* 1883, *showing the number and result of applications under Section* 344, *and the number of insolvents before the Courts.*

Class of Courts.	Application for a declaration of insolvency.								Number of insolvents discharged during the year under section 355.	Number of insolvents' estates in hands of receivers in which proceedings were finally closed during the year.	Amount of creditors' claims dealt with during the year.		Gross amount of insolvents' assets realized and disbursed.		Remarks.
	Total number of applications.	Transferred to another Province.	Granted.		Rejected.			Pending at the close of the year.			Admitted.	Satisfied.	Realized during the year.	Disbursed during the year.	
			A receiver being appointed.	A receiver not being appointed.	Penal proceedings under section 359 not being taken.	Sentence of imprisonment being passed under section 359.	Applicant being sent to the Magistrate to be dealt with.								
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
											Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	
Chief Courts of districts ...	43	...	3	4	26	...	...	10	6	...	3,743 8 1	191 5 11	840 9 10	194 7 2	

PROVINCIAL RETURN No. VII. 1.—(CIVIL).

Showing the number and description of Civil Suits instituted in the District Courts of the Province of Oudh, during the year 1883.

Districts.	*Suits for money or moveable property.*										*Title and other Suits.*																	
	Contract in writing.	Contract not in writing.	On account stated.	Money had and received.	Goods sold.	Wages, work and material.	Breach of contract not mentioned above.	Rent not falling under the Rent Law.	Moveable property or value thereof.	Damages	Immoveable property.	Declaratory decrees.	Other suits under the Specific Relief Act.	To declare and establish right to real property, including pre-emption, foreclosure, &c.	To declare and establish personal rights.	For an account.	Religious endowment.	To set aside judgments, contracts or obligations on the ground of fraud.	Dissolution of marriage.	Enforcement of matrimonial rights.	Partition.	Shipping.	Religion and caste.	Administration.	Inter-pleader.	Dissolution of partnership.	Under section 301, Act X. of 1865 (also Hindu Wills Act).	Other suits not falling under any of the previous heads.	Total.
Provincial 1.	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Imperial 1.	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38
Lucknow	3,955	1,596	772	281	337	177	204	91	1,156	732	1,270	62	19	306	48	16	2	33	1	84	16	...	5	..	1	5	4	113	10,587
Small Cause Court, City Lucknow ...	1,052	552	856	17	1,166	289	96	305	172	73	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4,598
Ditto, Cantonment Ditto...	67	48	69	5	92	57	3	19	3	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	362
Sitapur	3,725	2,925	837	234	566	230	268	166	1,397	358	633	20	29	124	29	3	...	22	3	43	14	...	...	...	...	...	...	244	11,870
Fyzabad	4,083	2,644	1,167	622	1,433	230	893	150	1,136	1,269	1,810	94	66	351	41	7	3	97	3	99	21	...	...	...	...	...	...	31	16,250
Small Cause Court, Cantonment Fyzabad,	9	16	16	5	14	7	1	3	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	74
Rae Bareli	3,525	1,057	954	259	115	48	117	49	1,051	529	1,792	67	43	109	13	1	...	16	3	21	4	...	1	1	...	...	...	81	9,896
Judicial Commissioner	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Total ...	15,716	8,837	4,671	1,324	3,743	1,038	1,582	783	4,918	2,967	5,505	243	157	881	131	27	5	168	11	247	57	...	6	1	1	5	4	469	53,557

PROVINCIAL RETURN No. VII 2.—(Civil)

Showing the number of Small Cause Court suits instituted in the Courts of Sub-Judges and Munsifs in the Province of Oudh, during the year 18?3.

Classes of Courts and names of officers.	Suits for money or moveable property.										Title and other suits.																			Remarks.
	Contract in writing.	Contract not in writing.	On account stated.	Money had and received.	Goods sold.	Wages, work and material.	Breach of contract not mentioned above.	Rent not falling under the Rent law.	Moveable property or value thereof.	Damages.	Immoveable property.	Declaratory decree.	Other suits under the Specific Relief Act.	To declare and establish rights to real property, including pre-emption, foreclosure, &c.	To declare and establish personal rights.	For an account.	Religious endowment.	To set aside judgments, contracts or obligations on the ground of fraud.	Dissolution of marriage.	Enforcement of matrimonial rights.	Partition.	Shipping.	Religion and caste.	Administration.	Inter-pleader.	Dissolution of partnership.	Under section 261, Act X. of 1865, (also Hindu Wills Act V.)	Other suits not falling under any of the previous heads	Total.	
Provincial 1.	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Imperial 1.	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	21	32	43	34	35	36	37		
Sub-Judges.																														
Mirza Kalb Ali Khan, Unao ...	337	218	102	30	72	31	22	7	78	45	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	942	
Major J. R. Marett, Bara Banki ...	39	14	11	9	...	5	3	1	10	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	88	
Saiyid Muhammad Ahmad, Sitapur ...	8	10	2	...	...	3	8	50	11	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	92	
Saiyid Safdar Husain Khan, Hardoi ...	360	375	89	7	1	14	56	12	210	19	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,163	
Rae Sheo Sahai, Fyzabad ...	123	36	58	52	26	12	22	14	67	39	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	449	
Pandit Hari Krishan, Fyzabad ...	284	15	200	140	78	32	42	26	203	104	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,124	
Pandit Shyam Narayan, Gonda ...	337	241	74	36	57	28	13	3	33	72	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	894	
Munshi Dhaukal Parshad, Bahraich ...	679	543	199	44	278	21	240	54	121	50	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,229	
Saiyid Ghulam Haidar, Sultanpur ...	388	136	259	54	...	14	13	11	162	63	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,100	
Pandit Hari Krishan, Partabgarh ...	195	35	33	9	...	4	...	1	49	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	331	
Total ...	2,770	1,623	1,027	374	512	164	414	179	944	405	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8,412	
Munsifs.																														
Babu Gopal Chandar of Purwa ...	158	98	109	10	1	9	14	9	76	23	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	507	
Saiyid Sharf Ali of Safipur ...	151	120	34	22	16	13	1	18	130	42	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	538	
Munshi Hamid Husain Khan of Mohan ...	14	6	8	...	3	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	33	
Saiyid Ikbal Ali of Fyzabad ...	75	89	25	8	22	4	29	...	118	55	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	425	
Babu Bhupatti Charan Ghosal of Utraula,	98	177	10	5	199	18	53	3	44	66	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	673	
Munshi Abdussalam Khan of Sultanpur,	175	115	86	33	...	2	29	4	155	86	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	685	
Total ...	671	605	272	79	241	46	126	34	514	273	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,561	
Grand Total ...	3441	2,228	1,299	453	753	210	540	213	1,458	678	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11,273	

PROVINCIAL RETURN No. VII.—(RENT.)

Showing the number and description of Rent Suits instituted in the Courts of the districts of the Province of Oudh during the year 1883.

Districts.	Suits under the Rent Law.								
	Arrears of rent with or without ejectment or cancelment of lease.	Enhancement or abatement of rent.	Relating to distraint.	Damages for extortion or withholding receipt or on account of illegal distraint or other cause.	For pattahs or kabuliats.	For ejectment or recovery of possession.	For recovery of money or accounts from agents.	All other suits under the Rent Law not included above.	Total.
Lucknow	1,243	1	10	2	6	12	1	506	1,781
Unao	2,103	5	17	22	...	234	3	1,445	3,829
Bara Banki	1,326	16	6	8	...	61	4	764	2,185
Sitapur	599	...	3	12	2	88	...	172	877
Hardoi	1,887	2	46	7	...	44	1	1,236	3,223
Kheri	511	1	...	18	1	21	2	82	636
Fyzabad	2,387	13	83	7	...	50	63	1,577	4,180
Gonda	2,538	2	...	35	15	51	3	1,150	3,801
Bahraich	1,508	...	19	26	2	109	3	231	1,898
Rae Bareli	1,915	1	4	5	1	90	2	345	2,363
Sultanpur	2,038	1	153	15	...	104	6	1,464	3,781
Partabgarh	1,431	1	140	12	...	144	1	1,390	3,119
Total ...	19,486	50	481	170	27	1,008	89	10,312	31,623

PROVINCIAL RETURN No. VIII 1.—(CIVIL).

Showing number and value of suits instituted in the Civil Courts of the Province of Oudh during the year 1883.

Districts.	Number of suits instituted in the different Courts.									Total value of suits.	Remarks.
	Not exceeding Rs 10.	Not exceeding Rs 50.	Not exceeding Rs. 100.	Not exceeding Rs. 500.	Not exceeding Rs. 1,000.	Not exceeding Rs. 5,000.	Not exceeding Rs 10,000.	Exceeding Rs. 10,000.	Number of suits the value of which can not be estimated in money.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
										Rs. a. p.	
Lucknow	2,789	4,625	1,360	1,106	251	225	31	35	165	48,12,888 14 0	
Small Cause Court, City Lucknow.	2,133	1,686	373	456	...	...	...	...	...	1,80,622 13 7	
Small Cause Court, Cantonment Lucknow.	176	160	17	16	...	...	...	...	...	9,032 6 0	
Sitapur	3,768	5,536	1,421	1,013	133	91	10	18	78	12,44,262 2 0	
Fyzabad	5,661	7,351	1,656	1,213	146	72	6	11	134	74,54,099 11 0	
Small Cause Court, Cantonment Fyzabad.	43	27	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	1,223 13 0	
Rae Bareli	2,782	4,502	1,214	969	145	89	8	19	80	14,99,090 0 0	
Judicial Commissioner ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	
Total ...	17,352	23,639	6,043	4,775	675	477	55	83	458	1,47,06,719 11 7	

PROVINCIAL RETURN No. VIII. 2.—(Civil).

Showing the number and value of Small Cause Court suits instituted in the Sub-Judges' and Munsifs' Courts of the Province of Oudh during the year 1883.

Classes of Courts and names of officers.	Number of suits instituted in the Courts.										Remarks.
	Not exceeding Rs. 10.	Not exceeding Rs. 50.	Not exceeding Rs. 100.	Not exceeding Rs. 500.	Not exceeding Rs. 1,000.	Not exceeding Rs. 5,000.	Not exceeding Rs. 10,000.	Exceeding Rs. 10,000.	Number of suits the value of which cannot be estimated in money.	Total value of suits.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Sub-Judges.										Rs. a p.	
Mirza Kalb Ali Khan, Unao ...	317	463	100	62	...	...	...	...	...	34,092 10 0	
Major Marett, Bara Banki ...	13	42	22	11	...	...	...	...	...	5,078 0 0	
Saiyid Muhammad Ahmad, Sitapur,	25	44	12	11	...	...	...	...	...	3,252 6 0	
Saiyid Safdar Husain, Hardoi ...	258	629	157	119	...	...	...	...	...	58,987 3 0	
Rae Sheo Sahai of Fyzabad ...	124	219	50	58	...	...	...	...	...	16,562 8 0	
Pandit Hari Krishan of Fyzabad,	323	538	157	106	...	...	...	...	...	50,619 6 0	
Pandit Shyam Narayan of Gonda,	319	453	80	42	...	...	...	...	...	27,873 13 0	
Munshi Dhaukal Parshad of Bahraich	1,002	977	145	105	...	...	...	...	...	68,259 12 0	
Saiyid Ghulam Haidar of Sultanpur	448	489	109	54	...	...	...	...	...	42,958 0 0	
Pandit Hari Krishan of Partabgarh,	115	168	27	20	...	...	...	...	1	11,042 12 0	
Total ...	2,944	4,022	859	586	...	...	...	...	1	3,10,721 6 0	
Munsifs.											
Babu Gopal Chandar of Purwa...	207	300	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8,500 5 0	
Saiyid Sharf Ali of Safipur ...	202	336	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14,854 0 0	
Munshi Hamid Hussain Khan of Mohan	5	28	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	629 4 0	
Saiyid Ikbal Ali of Fyzabad ...	165	260	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8,148 2 0	
Babu Bhupatti Charan Ghosal of Utraula.	356	317	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8,687 15 0	
Munshi Abdussalam Khan, of Sultanpur.	272	413	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12,707 0 0	
Total ...	1,207	1,654	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	53,521 11 0	
Grand Total ...	4,151	5,676	586	586	...	...	...	...	1	3,64,243 1 0	

PROVINCIAL RETURN No. VIII.—(RENT.)

Showing number and value of suits instituted in the Rent Courts in the Provinces of Oudh during the year, 1883.

Classes of Courts.	Number of suits instituted in the different courts.									
	Not exceeding Rs. 10.	Not exceeding Rs. 50.	Not exceeding Rs. 100.	Not exceeding Rs. 500.	Not exceeding Rs. 1,000.	Not exceeding Rs. 5,000	Not exceeding Rs. 10,000.	Exceeding Rs. 10,000.	Number of suits the value of which cannot be estimated in money.	Total value of suits.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
										Rs. a. p
Lucknow ...	729	776	165	90	22	8	...	...	...	56,118 6 11
Unao ...	1,738	1,596	314	172	6	3	...	...	...	1,07,267 13 4
Bara Banki ...	982	978	151	114	9	...	...	...	1	75,442 12 0
Sitapur ...	319	433	77	37	7	3	...	...	1	38,137 5 0
Hardoi ...	1,451	1,467	202	102	1	...	...	...	...	69,565 11 0
Kheri ...	304	236	51	32	4	5	...	...	4	33,084 9 0
Fyzabad ...	2,028	1,699	268	111	16	8	...	...	...	1,22,680 11 3
Gonda ...	1,640	1,592	340	201	22	6	...	...	...	1,35,577 13 5
Behraich ...	917	729	108	119	21	4	...	...	...	64,637 3 11
Rae Bareli ...	920	1,191	161	83	5	3	...	...	...	78,950 12 0
Sultanpur ...	1,977	1,384	231	167	10	11	...	1	...	1,19,764 12 9
Partabgarh ...	1,303	1,256	209	112	13	11	...	...	...	1,08,201 12 6
Total ...	14,249	13,337	2,277	1,340	136	62	...	1	6	9,96,924 11 1

PROVINCIAL RETURN No. IX 1.—(Civil.)

Showing the general result of the trial of Civil Suits in the Courts of original jurisdiction in the Province of Oudh, during the year 1882.

Part I.—Civil Suits.

Districts.	Number of suits before the Courts: Pending from last year.	Instituted in 1882.	Received by transfer from other Courts.	Remanded under section 562, Act XIV, of 1882.	Reviews under section 626.	Revived under sections 99, 108, 108 or 371.	Total for disposal.	Number of suits disposed of: Transferred to other Courts.	Without trial: Plaints rejected or returned.	Without trial: Dismissed for default or want of prosecution	Without trial: Withdrawn with leave.	Without contest: Compromised	Without contest: Decreed on confession.	Without contest: Decreed ex parte.	Without contest: Dismissed ex parte.	On reference to arbitration: For plaintiff.	On reference to arbitration: For defendant.	With contest: Judgment for plaintiff in whole or part.	With contest: Judgment for defendant.	Total disposed of (omitting transfers (columns 10 to 20).	Pending at close of 1882.	Average duration of cases in days: Contested (columns 17 to 20.) Total number of days	Contested (columns 17 to 20.) Average.	Uncontested (columns 10 to 16.) Total number of days.	Uncontested (columns 10 to 16.) Average.	Number of cases under Rs. 100 in value in which pleaders' fees were awarded.	Value of smallest suit in which no award.	Highest number of adjournments in any decided case.	Average number of adjournments.	Pending more than three months.	Date of oldest pending case in each Court.
Provincial ...	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	29	31	32
Imperial ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	3	4			5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	...	13	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14	17
																											R. a.				
Lucknow ...	757	10,586	1	106	18	133	11,601	1	189	1,623	100	1,193	1,560	895	171	104	30	3,851	1,899	10,668	916	211,812	42·16	142,138	25·10	17	10 0	130	2·37	220	26th June, '82.
Judge, Small Cause Court, City Lucknow.	221	4,596	...	...	39	...	4,846	...	20	376	17	298	1,220	1,285	7	1	...	1,105	398	4,727	119	16,481	10·95	38,730	12·02	17	11 6	5	0·9	2	8th Sep., '82.
Judge, Small Cause Court, Cantonment Lucknow.	2	369	...	...	...	3	374	...	4	34	1	28	94	74	...	...	...	93	44	372	2	1,556	11 35	2,222	9·45	5	9	12	1·02	1	12th Dec., '82.
Sitapur ...	735	11,870	1	21	40	179	12,896	...	154	2,480	822	1,413	1,666	1,384	152	90	40	2,718	1,159	12,098	798	168,033	41·93	163,314	20 18	26	11 4	...	...	164	4th Jan., '83.
Fyzabad ...	3,776	16,250	...	53	...	304	20,441	...	308	3,433	624	2,454	1,720	1,460	533	151	38	3,945	2,971	17,617	2,824	634,804	39·09	567,134	53·38	4	13 7	36	1 01	1,032	16th June, '81
Judge, Small Cause Court, Cantonment Fyzabad.	...	74	...	...	57	...	74	...	2	7	3	15	9	3	...	...	...	20	14	73	1	380	9 70	338	8 66	...	...	3	·32	...	29th Oct., '83.
Rae Bareli ...	1,024	9,607	...	167	37	173	11,204	1	181	1,521	466	1,012	1,325	1,163	148	75	22	2,761	1,130	10,111	1,093	2,54,871	59 42	165,685	28 45	13	0 6	25	1·53	226	29th Sep., '82.
Judicial Commissioner.	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	94, 94		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	6,563	53,553	2	346	181	792	61,437	2	858	9,474	2,033	6,418	7,615	6,134	1,011	401	131	13 704	7,845	55,624	5,753	1,287,985	58·16	1,079,681	22·99	84	10 0	130	...	1,647	16th June, '81

PROVINCIAL RETURN No. IX. 1—(Civil).

Showing the general result of the trial of Civil Cases in the Courts of original jurisdiction in the Province of Oudh, during the year 1883.

Part II.—Miscellaneous Cases.

Districts.	Suits remaining from last year.	Instituted in 1883.	Received otherwise.				Total for disposal.	Transferred to other courts	Disposed of.										Total of columns 10 to 20, i.e., disposed of (omitting transfers).	Pending at close of 1883	Average duration of cases in days.				Number of cases under Rs 100 in value in which pleaders' fees were awarded	Value of smallest case in which no award	Highest number of adjournments in any decided case	Average number of adjournments	Pending more than three months.	Date of oldest pending case in each court.
			Received by transfer from other Courts	Remanded under section 562, Act XIV. of 1882.	Reviews under section 626	Revived under sections 99, 103, 108 or 371			Without trial.		Without contest.			On reference to arbitration.		With contest.					Contested (columns 17 to 20).		Uncontested (columns 10 to 16).							
									Applications rejected or returned.	Dismissed for default or want of prosecution.	Withdrawn with leave	Compromised.	Decreed on confession.	Decreed ex parte.	Dismissed ex parte.	For plaintiff.	For defendant.	Judgment for plaintiff in whole or part.	Judgment for defendant.			Total number of days.	Average.	Total number of days.	Average.						
Provincial 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32
Imperial 1	...	...	..	...	...	...	2	3	4			5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	..	13	...	15	...	16	...	...	..	...	14	17
Lucknow ..	147	1,862	...	7	2	23	2,041	...	151	132	7	82	60	53	55	5	1	836	527	1,909	132	44,424	32·44	10,928	20·23	...	..	22	3 10	26	7th April, 1881
Judge, S. C., City Lucknow	3	216	..	...	..	...	219	...	88	9	...	7	2	7	...	...	...	37	64	214	5	738	7·30	376	5·32	...	...	2	0 16	...	6th November, 1883.
Ditto, Cantonment Lucknow.	...	7	...	...	...	1	8	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	8	...	32	4 57	6	6	...	...	...	...	...	
Sitapur ..	74	1,437	2	1	27	106	1,647	3	167	158	26	83	57	101	21	2	...	674	271	1,528	126	21,275	23·71	13 212	21·20	...	...	...	...	17	22nd April, '82
Fyzabad ..	217	2,098	...	4	32	104	2,455	...	206	244	16	54	28	88	57	60	76	726	654	2,207	248	48,808	32 12	20,439	29·26	..	...	12	·85	31	4th April, 1883
Judge, S. C., Cantonment Fyzabad.	..	3			...	24	3	...	1	.	..	2	...	...	..	...	..	...	...	3	...	...	...	23	7 66	...	..	...	...	...	
Rae Barch ...	74	1,700	...	1	3	...	1,302	...	132	109	11	40	55	52	21	...	...	458	343	1,221	81	25,407	31 71	10,243	24 38	2	46	27	1 10	12	15th June, 1883.
Total ...	515	6,823	2	13	64	258	7,675	3	744	653	59	286	202	301	154	67	77	2,681	1,866	7,085	592	140,682	29 90	55,211	23 06	2	46	27	m.	88	7th April, 1881.

PROVINCIAL RETURN No. IX.—(RENT.)

Showing the general result of the trial of Rent suits in the Courts of original jurisdiction in the Province of Oudh, during the year 1889.

PART I.—(RENT SUITS).

Districts.	Number of suits before the Courts							Number of suits disposed of.												Pending at close of 1888.	Average duration of cases in days				Number of cases under Rs. 100 in value in which pleader's fees were awarded	Value of smallest suit in which so awarded.	Highest number of adjournments in decided cases	Average number of adjournments	Pending more than three months.	Date of oldest pending case in each Court.
								Without trial.			Without contest.			On reference to arbitration.		With contest.				Contested (Columns 17 to 20)		Uncontested (Columns 10 to 16)							
	Pending from last year	Instituted in 1888.	Received by transfer from other Courts	Remanded under section 562, Act XIV of 1882	Reviews under section 626	Revived under sections 99, 103, 108, or 371	Total for disposal.	Transferred to other Courts.	Plaints rejected or returned	Dismissed for default or want of prosecution.	Withdrawn with leave.	Compromised	Decreed on confession	Decreed ex parte	Dismissed ex parte	For plaintiff	For defendant.	Judgment for plaintiff in whole or part	Judgment for defendants.	Total disposed of omitting transfers (Columns 10 to 20.)		Total number of days.	Average	Total number of days.	Average					
Provincial	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	25	26	27	28	29	30
Imperial							2	3		4		5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12		13		15		16					14	17
Unao	59	1,781	...	7	10	24	1,872	9	155	74	55	373	204	17	2	...	723	281	1,841	31	17,230	18·02	12,420	14·03	4	Rs. a. p. 8 0 0	13	4	...	5th Oct. '83
Bara Banki	149	3,829	...	36	35	45	4,093	63	640	81	182	382	506	72	1	...	1,330	644	3,901	191	75,877	38 41	61,818	31 94	...	...	12	65	9	18th Jun. '88
Sitapur	20	677	...	4	4	4	909	9	73	19	90	151	76	20	...	...	307	132	677	33	12,247	27 89	8,218	18 74	4	8 12 0	9	0 81	...	15th Nov. '83.
Kheri	63	636	...	1	15	18	673	30	519	192	211	426	550	72	4	...	936	371	3,305	83	50,425	25 29	29,129	22 22	6	.. ..	8	1·01	3	26th Sep. '83.
Fyzabad	43	4,130	...	35	11	159	4 378	13	81	21	91	104	69	8	4	2	175	82	639	34	6,757	25·69	5,741	15 29	14	6 2 0	9	·69	1	8th Sep. '83
Gonda	321	3,811	...	15	28	107	4 182	15	406	133	148	296	676	217	1	...	1,432	905	4,219	159	51,610	22 07	49 666	28 26	...	...	10	..	1	8th Sep. '83.
Bahraich	48	1,898	...	2	7	31	1 986	40	362	94	104	227	930	122	7	...	1,422	754	4,052	120	63,377	29 03	53,468	28 46	5	6 15 0	12	·54	7	21st Jul '83
Rae Bareli	72	2,363	...	24	8	41	2,508	13	196	108	261	335	296	66	...	...	670	183	1,968	18	11,863	16 16	14,890	11 78	...	...	77	·72	2	29th Sep. '83.
Sultanpur	109	3,781	...	16	27	43	3,976	39	201	120	24	539	572	46	1	1	672	219	2,427	81	20,229	22 83	24,513	15·90	...	...	24	·75	7	12th Sep '83
Partabgarh	176	2,945	...	32	19	52	3,224	19	351	86	116	304	697	126	1	...	1,132	792	3,824	152	64 809	30 52	45,441	26 74	...	...	16	...	13	6th Sep '83
Total	1 070	31,460	...	192	189	621	33,532	321	3,518	1,209	1,554	3,663	5,453	946	27	6	10,676	5,964	32,437	1,095	466,160	29 55	373,093	22 38	44	1 -0 0	77	...	35	18th Jun. '83.

PROVINCIAL RETURN No. IX.—(RENT.)

Showing the general results of the trial of Rent cases in the Courts of original jurisdiction of the districts in the Province of Oudh, during the year 1883.

PART II.—MISCELLANEOUS CASES.

Districts.	Suits remaining from last year.	Instituted in 1883.	Received otherwise.				Total for disposal.	Transferred to other courts.	Disposed of—										Total of columns 10 to 20, i.e. disposed of (omitting transfers).	Pending at close of 1883.	Average duration of cases in days.				Number of cases under Rs. 100 in value in which pleaders' fees were awarded.	Value of smallest suits in which so awarded.	Highest number of adjournments in any decided case.	Average number of adjournments	Pending more than three months.	Date of oldest pending case in each Court.
			Received by transfer from other courts	Remanded under section 562, Act XIV. of 1882.	Reviews under section 626.	Revived under sections 99, 103, 108 or 371.			Without trial.			Without contest.			On references to arbitration.		With contest.				Contested (columns 17 to 20.)		Uncontested (columns 10 to 16.)							
									Application rejected or returned.	Dismissed for default or want of prosecution.	Withdrawn with leave.	Compromised.	Decreed on confession.	Decreed ex parte.	Dismissed ex parte	For plaintiff.	For defendant.	Judgment for plaintiff in whole or part	Judgment for defendant.			Total number of days.	Average.	Total number of days.	Average.						
Provincial, 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32
Imperial, 1							2	3	4			5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12		13		15		16					16	17
																											Rs. a. p.				
Lucknow ...	6	297	...	...	...	1	304	...	...	21	31	39	22	9	2	...	...	113	44	301	3	2,939	16·56	2,980	24·03	...	...	5	0·62	...	8th Dec., '82.
Unao ...	22	1,422	...	5	11	59	1,512	...	49	132	8	18	5	262	352	...	...	339	304	1,456	56	15,549	28·63	13,762	14·52	...	...	7	0·23	1	8th July, '83.
Bara Banki,	8	858	...	...	5	44	898	...	6	74	9	7	6	22	10	1	...	385	109	589	9	8,262	16 69	5,015	20·96	...	...	5	0·21	...	25th Oct., '83.
Sitapur ...	10	327	...	...	...	2	339	...	19	34	2	54	39	45	12	...	...	56	39	310	29	3,522	24·01	4,517	22·18	...	...	5	0·32	...	16th Sept., '83.
Hardoi ...	15	1,201	...	1	26	56	1,299	...	69	86	137	79	176	207	27	...	...	396	100	1,765	31	7,770	15 67	16,472	21·24	...	...	12	0·39	...	29th Oct., '83.
Kheri ...	6	258	...	...	...	1	272	...	25	26	6	9	7	53	4	...	...	106	28	260	12	1,527	11 56	2,371	18 53	...	...	10	0·46	1	28th Sep., '83.
Fyzabad ...	28	2,777	...	...	21	91	2,916	...	148	154	32	410	672	788	44	...	...	377	261	2,886	30	8,883	13·84	50,053	2 ·77	...	...	9	1 32	2	10th Sep., '83.
Gonda ...	81	1,879	...	...	1	2	1,903	...	124	160	13	46	44	277	23	...	...	867	304	1,858	45	28,099	19·72	19,398	28·23	...	...	7	0·45	...	18th Oct., '83.
Bahraich ...	8	841	1	...	...	...	850	1	17	42	11	179	165	11	25	...	3	343	44	841	9	5.277	13·33	4,930	15·95	...	...	8	0·48	...	Ditto.
Bae Bareli...	13	505	...	6	4	31	559	...	28	41	7	10	25	213	10	...	...	108	100	542	17	4,484	21·41	5,326	15·94	...	...	14	0 53	1	1st August, '83.
Sultanpur ...	37	1,.74	...	1	1	3	1,816	...	39	152	1	37	5	833	22	...	...	375	340	1,784	32	17,601	24·62	41,445	38·77	...	...	29	...	1	25th Sep., '83.
Partabgarh...	49	1,059	...	1	...	14	1,123	...	37	92	14	34	8	15	4	...	...	574	180	1,094	22	30,791	40·13	16,712	49·56	1	78 10	9	5	2·05	1	18th Oct., '83
Total ...	283	13,117	1	14	78	297	13,791	1	552	994	269	922	1,174	3,216	535	1	3	4,049	1,771	13,489	302	128,617	28·46	183,479	31·49	2	82 2 0	9	0·29	...	7	5th July, '83.

PROVINCIAL RETURN No. IX. 2.—(CIVIL).

Statement showing the general result of the trial of Small Cause Court suits in the Courts of Sub-Judges and Munsifs during the year **1889.**

PART I.—CIVIL SUITS.

Classes of Courts and names of officers.	Number of suits before the Courts.							Number of suits disposed of.												
									Without trial.			Without contest.				On reference to arbitration.		With contest.		
	Pending from last year.	Instituted in 1889.	Received by transfer from other Courts.	Remand under section 562, Act XIV. of 1882.	Reviews under section 626.	Revivals under sections 99, 108 or 371.	Total for disposal.	Transferred to other Courts.	Plaints rejected or returned.	Dismissed for default or want of prosecution.	Withdrawn with leave.	Compromised.	Decreed on confession.	Decreed ex parte.	Dismissed ex parte.	For plaintiff.	For defendant.	Judgment for plaintiff in whole or part.	Judgment for defendant.	Total disposed of omitting transfers, columns 10 to 20.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Provincial 1																				
Imperial 1							2	3		4		5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
Sub-Judges.																				
Mirza Kalb Ali Khan, Unao ...	28	942	...	1	...	5	971	...	22	184	2	140	221	68	8	2	...	189	124	960
Major Marett, Bara Banki ...	19	88	...	...	...	3	110	...	4	10	4	12	29	15	3	...	...	16	17	110
Saiyid Muhammad Ahmad, Sitapur ...	2	92	...	...	1	2	97	...	...	11	...	8	6	10	...	1	...	46	13	94
Saiyid Saidar Husain Khan, Hardoi ...	43	1,163	...	...	...	13	1,219	...	5	282	6	180	172	166	5	9	3	234	133	1,195
Rai Sheo Sahai, Fyzabad ...	463	449	...	...	3	16	931	...	9	96	32	34	29	43	22	7	...	84	91	447
Pandit Hari Krishan, Fyzabad ...	...	1,124	...	2	...	9	1,135	...	8	226	99	91	105	158	51	26	6	403	244	1,417
Munshi Dhaukal Parshad, Bahraich ...	369	2,229	...	...	1	6	1,604	...	5	199	59	344	188	183	22	3	...	170	145	1,318
Saiyid Ghulam Haidar, Sultanpur ...	68	1,100	...	...	...	5	1,173	...	21	656	...	419	304	148	49	4	7	633	290	2,531
Pandit Hari Krishan, Partabgarh ...	31	331	...	...	...	4	366	...	4	35	27	14	73	38	9	7	1	123	35	366
Total ...	1,521	8,412	...	3	12	70	10,018	...	90	1,856	247	1,443	1,279	1,014	178	59	17	2,136	1,916	9,535
Munsifs.																				
Babu Gopal Chandar of Purwa ...																				
Saiyid Sharf Ali of Safipur ...	...	507	...	...	...	1	508	...	...	115	2	55	119	51	4	...	...	108	54	508
Munshi Hamid Husain Khan of Mohan ...	...	538	...	2	...	3	543	...	8	57	6	83	66	45	7	...	...	189	76	537
Saiyid Ikbal Ali of Fyzabad ...	...	33	...	...	...	...	33	...	...	11	...	1	9	1	1	...	...	6	4	33
Babu Bhupatti Charan Ghosal of Utraula. ...	9	425	...	...	2	19	455	...	14	48	21	14	25	47	23	...	..	119	89	400
Munshi Abdussallam Khan of Sultanpur, ...	170	573	...	...	...	5	678	...	16	187	12	115	39	29	12	2	...	89	57	558
					3	3	749	...	4	168	50	59	45	74	16	1	...	129	96	641
Total ...	179	2,749	...	2	5	31	2,966	...	42	586	91	326	303	247	63	3	...	640	376	2,677
GRAND TOTAL ...	1,700	11,161	...	5	17	101	12,984	...	132	2,442	338	1,769	1,582	1,261	241	62	17	2,776	1,592	12,212

PROVINCIAL RETURN No. IX. 2—(CIVIL)—*(concluded)*.

Statement showing the general result of the trial of Small Cause Court suits in the Courts of Sub-Judges and Munsifs during the year 1883.

PART I.—CIVIL SUITS.

Classes of Courts and names of officers.	Pending at close of 1883.	Average duration of suits in days.				Number of cases under Rs. 100 in value in which Pleaders' fees were awarded.	Value of smallest suit in which so awarded.	Highest number of adjournments, in any decided case.	Average number of adjournments.	Pending more than three months.	Date of oldest pending case in each court.
		Uncontested (columns 10 to 16).		*Contested (columns 17 to 20).*							
		Total number of days.	Average.	Total number of days.	Average.						
Provincial 1	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32
Imperial 1	13	16		15						14	17
Sub-Judges.							Rs. a. p.				
Mirza Kalb Ali Khan, Unao	11	8,413	13·04	4,387	13·92	1	47 5 0	6	·14	...	3rd November, 1883.
Major Marett, Bara Banki	...	2,747	35·67	1,353	41·	3	50 0 0	2	·20	...	
Saiyid Muhammad Ahmad, Sitapur	3	533	15 22	378	6·40	...	...	10	1 12	...	20th December, 1883.
Saiyid Safdar Husain Khan, Hardoi	34	17,587	21 55	47,732	125·94	2	50 0 0	4	·03	...	26th November, 1883.
Rae Sheo Sahai, Fyzabad	...	42,538	160·52	29,901	164·29	...	...	12	1·12	...	
Pandit Hari Krishan, Fyzabad	202	15,810	21·42	27,238	40·	...	...	12	·31	19	14th August, 1883.
Pandit Shyam Narayan, Gonda	86	69,279	69·29	28,868	83·73	...	...	7	·14	11	29th August, 1883.
Munshi Dhaukal Parshad, Bahraich	81	34,203	21·85	24,128	25·83	1	65 0 0	11	·61	3	16th May, 1883.
Saiyid Ghulam Haidar, Sultanpur	76	20,976	28 57	8,386	23·01	...	...	3	·12	3	11th January, 1883.
Pandit Hari Krishan, Partabgarh	...	2,457	12·28	2,783	16·76	...	...	8	1·34	...	
Total ...	483	215,240	35·24	172,854	50·42	7	47 5 0	12	...	36	11th January, 1883.
Munsifs.											
Babu Gopal Chandar of Purwa	...	5,119	14·79	3,077	19·	...	...	4	·61	...	
Saiyid Sharf Ali of Saifpur	6	4,050	14 88	5,315	29·95	...	...	50	3·40	...	12th December, 1883.
Munshi Hamid Husain Khan of Mohan	...	376	16 34	318	31·08	...	...	2	·54	...	
Saiyid Ikbal Ali of Fyzabad	55	9,833	51·21	10,248	19·26	...	...	9	·25	3	1st June, 1883.
Babu Bhupatti Charn Ghosal of Utraula	120	11,400	27 8	4,131	27·91	...	...	4	·18	...	16th June, 1883.
Munshi Abdussallam Khan of Sultanpur	108	10,946	26·37	10,922	48·32	...	...	7	·71	3	1st September, 1883.
Total ...	289	41,724	25·10	34,011	33 37	...	...	50	...	6	1st June, 1883.
GRAND TOTAL ...	772	256,964	33·09	206,865	46·51	7	47 5 0	50	...	42	11th January, 1883.

PROVINCIAL RETURN No. IX. 2—(CIVIL.)

Showing the general result of the trial of Small Cause Court cases in the Courts of Sub-Judges and Munsifs during the year 1883.

PART II.—MISCELLANEOUS CASES.

Classes of Courts and names of officers.	Suits remaining from last year.	Received otherwise. Instituted in 1883.	Received otherwise. Received by transfer from other Courts.	Received otherwise. Remands under section 562, Act XIV. of 1882.	Received otherwise. Reviews under section 626.	Received otherwise. Revivals under sections 99, 108, 108 and 371	Total for disposal.	Transferred to other Courts.	Disposed of. Without trial. Applications rejected or returned.	Without trial. Dismissed for default or want of prosecution	Without trial. Withdrawn with leave.	Without contest. Compromised.	Without contest. Decreed on confession.	Without contest. Decreed ex parte.	Without contest. Dismissed ex parte.	On reference to arbitration. For plaintiff	On reference to arbitration. For defendant.	With contest. Judgment for plaintiff in whole or part.	With contest. Judgment for defendant.	Total of columns 10 to 20, i.e., disposed of (omitting transfers.)	Pending at close of 1883.	Average duration of cases in days. Contested columns 10 (to 16.) Total number of days.	Contested columns 10 (to 16.) Average.	Uncontested columns 17 (to 20.) Total number of days.	Uncontested columns 17 (to 20.) Average.	No. of cases under Rs. 100 in value in which pleaders' fees were awarded.	Value of smallest suit in which so awarded.	Highest number of adjournments in any decided case.	Average number of adjournments.	Pending more than three months.	Date of oldest pending case in each Court.
Provincial 1	3	9	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32
Imperial 1							2	3		4		5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12		13		15		16					14	17
Sub-Judges.																															
Saiyid Muhammad Ahmad, Sitapur.	...	18	...	...	...	...	18	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	3	17	1	154	11·84	9	2·25	...	...	2	1·82	...	24th Dec., '83.
Saiyid Safdar Husain Khan, Hardoi.	...	57	...	...	...	...	57	...	...	5	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	28	22	57	...	867	17·34	143	20·44	...	...	1	·12	...	
Rao Sheo Sahai, Fyzabad ...	...	36	...	...	...	...	36	...	...	8	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	12	12	33	...	417	17·37	337	36·06	...	...	5	·51	...	
Pandit Hari Krishan, Fyzabad	...	90	...	...	...	...	90	...	4	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	25	54	85	5	759	9·6	324	54·	...	...	3	·3	1	28th Sep., '83.
Pandit Shyam Narayan, Gonda	4	49	...	...	...	...	53	...	...	2	...	10	...	...	...	...	...	26	12	50	3	256	6·73	229	19·08	...	...	3	·68	...	22nd Nov., '83.
Munshi Dhaukal Parshad, Bahraich.	5	130	...	...	1	7	143	...	5	1	...	...	...	7	...	25	50	16	27	131	12	2,025	17·16	214	16·46	...	...	1	02	...	27th Nov., '83.
Saiyid Ghulam Haidar, Sultanpur.	...	26	...	...	...	...	26	...	2	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	8	13	26	...	472	22 47	141	28·2	...	...	...	...	...	
P. Hari Krishan, Partabgarh.	...	5	...	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	2	1	5	...	34	11·3	·18	9·	...	...	...	...	...	
Total ...	9	411	...	...	1	7	428	...	11	24	...	13	1	8	1	25	50	127	144	404	24	4,984	14 40	1,405	24·22	...	...	5	...	1	28th Sep., '83.
Munsifs.																															
Saiyid Sharf Ali of Safipur,	...	5	...	...	...	...	5	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	5	...	1,458	364·5	348	34·8	...	...	1	44·4	...	
Saiyid Ikbal Ali of Fyzabad,	...	40	...	...	...	...	40	...	...	2	...	1	1	1	...	...	...	20	12	37	3	457	14·28	33	6·6	...	...	1	·89	...	11th Dec., '83.
Babu Bhupatti Charan Ghosal, Utraula.	...	14	...	...	...	...	14	...	5	...	...	...	2	1	...	...	...	4	1	13	1	303	60·6	56	7·	...	...	...	...	...	15th Oct., '83.
Munshi Abdussallam Khan, Sultanpur.	...	19	...	...	...	...	19	...	3	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	2	5	12	7	761	108·71	81	16 2	...	...	1	·08	1	20th Aug., '83.
Total ...	...	78	...	...	...	...	78	...	9	3	...	1	3	2	1	...	...	28	20	67	11	2,979	62·06	518	27·26	...	...	1	...	1	20th Aug., '83.
GRAND TOTAL ...	9	489	...	...	1	7	506	...	20	27	...	14	4	10	2	25	50	155	164	471	35	7,963	20 21	1,923	24 97	...	...	5	...	2	20th Aug., '83.

PROVINCIAL RETURN No. X.—(Civil and Rent).

Showing the business of the Civil Appellate Courts in the Province of Oudh during the year 1883.

PART I.—Appeals from Decrees.

Divisions.	Appeals remaining from last year.	Instituted in 1883.	Otherwise received. Received by transfer from other Courts	Remands under section 562.	Reviews under section 626, Act XIV. of 1882.	Revivals under sections 558, 560.	Total for disposal.	Transferred to other Courts	Appeals summarily rejected, section 551.	Dismissed for default, sections 556, 557, or otherwise not prosecuted.	Heard ex parte. Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded under section 562.	Contested. Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded under section 562.	Total disposed of omitting transfers	Pending.	Pending more than three months.	Average duration of appeals in column 20.	Objections under section 561, Act XIV. of 1882.	Number of appeals below Rs. 100 in value in which Pleaders' fees were awarded	Value of smallest appeal in which so awarded.	Average number of adjournments.	Date of oldest pending appeal.
Provincial 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	16	27	28
Imperial 1							2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13		14	15	16	17				18
																									Rs.a.p		
Rent.																											
Commissioner, Lucknow,	115	247	...	...	...	...	362	...	7	5	2	...	1	...	208	12	70	41	352	10	...	74·73	...	65	1 14 0	1 6	17th July, 1883.
Ditto, Sitapur ...	5	94	...	...	...	...	99	...	3	1	...	1	...	...	58	4	18	8	94	5	1	21·92	...	...	...	·46	11th September, 1883.
Ditto, Fyzabad,	34	443	...	...	...	...	477	1	3	23	25	10	10	...	247	8	70	30	426	51	...	45·02	...	...	0 9 6	·25	21st July, 1883.
Ditto, Rae Bareli,	96	288	...	...	1	3	388	...	...	18	18	2	5	1	216	9	58	16	344	44	22	84·44	...	82	0 8 0	·19	9th July, 1883.
Total ...	250	1,072	...	...	1	3	1,326	1	13	47	52	13	17	1	729	33	216	95	1,216	110	23	48·01	...	147	0 8 0	...	Ditto.
Civil.																											
District Judge, Lucknow,	125	849	...	2	...	4	980	...	9	22	10	1	3	2	508	65	128	91	831	149	31	69·18	21	10	1 0 0	1·30	31st May, 1883.
Ditto, Sitapur ...	93	617	...	1	1	...	712	...	7	24	...	...	...	...	361	45	137	16	590	123	23	54·93	16	...	...	...	14th April, 1883.
Ditto, Fyzabad,	438	1,278	...	1	3	7	1,727	...	52	59	17	2	4	...	861	102	285	41	1424	303	34	101·23	32	...	...	·17	26th October, 1882.
Ditto, Rae Bareli,	117	979	...	4	...	5	1,105	...	41	35	5	1	8	8	452	52	103	176	881	224	36	40·04	8	95	2 0 0	·12	16th July, 1883.
Total ...	773	3,723	...	8	4	16	4,524	...	109	140	32	4	15	11	2,174	264	653	324	3,726	798	124	72·29	77	105	1 0 0	...	14th April, 1883.
Grand Total ...	1,023	4,795	...	8	5	19	5,850	1	122	187	84	17	32	12	2,903	297	869	419	4,942	908	147	55·53	77	252	0 8 0	...	

PROVINCIAL RETURN No. X.—(RENT).

Showing the business of the Rent-Appellate Courts (Deputy Commissioners) in the Province of Oudh, during the year 1883.

PART I.—APPEALS FROM DECREES.

Districts.	Appeals remaining from last year.	Instituted in 1883.	Otherwise received.			Total for disposal.	Transferred to other Courts.	Appeals summarily rejected, section 551.	Dismissed for default, sections 556, 557 or otherwise not prosecuted.	Heard ex parte.				Contested.				Total disposed of adjusting transfers.	Pending.	Pending more than three months.	Average duration of appeals in column 20	Objections under section 561, Act XIV. of 1882.	Number of appeals below Rs. 100 in value in which pleaders' fees were awarded	Value of smallest appeal in which so awarded.	Average number of adjournments.	Date of oldest pending appeal.
			Received by transfer from other Courts.	Remands under section 562.	Reviews under section 616, Act XIV. of 1882.					Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded under section 562.	Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded under section 562.									
Provincial 1	2	3	4	5	6	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Imperial 1						2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13		14	15	16	17				18
																								Rs. a. p.		
Lucknow	10	70	1			81				25	13	19	3	72	9					21·37	1	4	8 0 0	·65	2nd November, 1883.
Unao	30	215				249	1	1	12	8	2			100	39	40	33	226	15		47·44	1	2	1 8 3	·77	17th ditto.
Bara Banki	6	154				160			9	5	2	3	2	70	12	21	11	144	16	2	69·92		16	3 2 0	·47	8th September, 1883.
Sitapur	5	32				37				1				17	7	7	4	37			32·6				·16	
Hardoi	13	125				153		1	6	1				75	14	39	5	140	13	1	35·77		28	1 10 0	·54	30th August, 1883.
Kheri	2	47				52		1	3	1				21	9	12	4	51	1		23·05		2	49 5 3	·74	15th December, 1883.
Fyzabad	8	317				330			5					130	27	34	31	217	13	1	2·41		2	0 8 0	·56	24th September, 1883.
Gonda	14	224	2			240		2	11				1	144	21	26	11	216	24		42·44	1	12	1 12 0	1·99	8th October, 1883.
Bahraich		70				75	1	17	2				2	11	11	7		68	7		10·58				·17	21st November, 1883
Rae Bareli	5	91	2			101		5	5					42	8	17	21	95	7		26·31		1	6 0 0	·32	4th December, 1883.
Sultanpur	10	155	5			170		1	11	4	1	1		86	12	30	12	155	13		36·30				·85	28th November, 1883.
Partabgarh	5	111				120	7	1	2	6	1	1		54	11	14	14	106	14		23·69		4	3 12 0	·92	23rd October, 1883.
Total	108	1,519	10		25	1,668	9	28	75	27	3	10	5	775	184	257	148	1,542	126	4	35·82	3	68	0 8 9	...	30th August, 1883.

PROVINCIAL RETURN No. X.—(CIVIL AND RENT.)

Showing the business of the Civil and Rent Appellate Courts in the Province of Oudh during the year 1883.

PART II.—MISCELLANEOUS APPEALS (JUDICIAL.)

Division.	Appeals remaining from last year.	Instituted in 1883.	*Otherwise received.* Received by transfer from other courts.	Having under section 698, Act XIV. of 1882.	Remands under section 562.	Revivals under sections 556, 560.	Total for disposal.	Transferred to other courts.	Appeals summarily rejected, section 551.	Dismissed for default, or otherwise not prosecuted.	*Heard ex parte.* Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded under section 562.	*Contested.* Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded under section 562.	Total disposed of omitting transfers.	Pending.	Of those pending more than three months.	Average duration of appeals in column 20.	Objections under section 561, Act XIV. of 1882.	Number of appeals below Rs. 100 in value in which pleaders' fees were awarded.	Value of smallest appeal in which so awarded.	Average number of adjournments.	Date of oldest pending appeal.
Provincial 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Imperial 1							2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13		14	15	16	17				18
Rent.																											
Commissioner, Lucknow,	12	19	...	...	...	...	31	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	15	1	5	8	31	...	...	52·39	...	...	...	1·	
Ditto, Sitapur ...	1	12	...	...	...	...	13	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	5	2	1	2	13	...	...	34·38	...	...	...	·46	
Ditto, Fyzabad ...	...	10	...	...	...	...	10	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	5	5	...	34·6	...	...	...	·8	15th October, 1883.
Ditto, Rae Bareli,	34	51	...	...	...	1	86	...	...	2	3	1	3	1	34	5	15	16	80	6	1	61·01	...	...	...	·35	11th July, 1883.
Total ...	47	92	...	...	...	1	140	...	4	4	4	1	3	1	54	8	21	29	129	11	1	44·4	...	...	...	...	11th July, 1883.
Civil.																											
District Judge, Lucknow,	11	58	...	...	...	...	69	...	2	4	1	...	1	1	23	2	16	8	60	9	4	65·45	...	...	...	1·26	23rd November, 1883.
Ditto, Sitapur ...	4	43	...	...	...	...	47	...	7	...	...	...	...	...	25	1	8	1	42	5	...	18 85	...	...	...	...	5th October, 1883.
Ditto, Fyzabad ...	15	70	...	...	...	1	86	...	6	3	2	...	...	...	37	2	21	1	72	14	1	76·58	1	...	...	·01	18th April, 1883.
Ditto, Rae Bareli,	...	18	...	...	...	...	18	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	6	...	3	5	18	...	...	38·83	...	...	...	...	
Total ...	30	189	...	...	...	1	220	...	17	7	3	...	1	1	93	5	48	15	192	28	5	56 28	1	...	...	...	23rd November, 1883.
GRAND TOTAL ...	77	281	...	...	...	2	360	...	21	11	7	1	4	2	147	13	69	44	321	39	6	44 91	1	...	...	...	

PROVINCIAL RETURN No. X.—(RENT.)

Showing the business of the Rent Appellate Courts (Deputy Commissioners) of the Province of Oudh, during the year 1883.

PART II.—MISCELLANEOUS APPEALS (JUDICIAL.)

Districts	Appeals remaining from last year	Instituted in 1883.	Otherwise received.				Total for disposal.	Transferred to other courts.	Appeals summarily rejected, section 551.	Dismissed for default, or otherwise not prosecuted.	Heard ex parte				Contested.				Total disposed of omitting transfers.	Pending.	Of those pending more than three months.	Average duration of appeals in column 20.	Objections under section 561, Act XIV, of 1882.	Number of appeals below Rs 100 in value in which pleader's fees were awarded.	Value of smallest appeal in which so awarded.	Average number of adjournments.	Date of oldest pending appeal.
			Received by transfer from other Courts.	Reviews under section 626, Act XIV, of 1882.	Remands under section 562.	Revivals under sections 558, 560.					Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded under section 562.	Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded under section 564.									
Provincial 1	2	3	4.	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Imperial 1	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	..	14	15	16	17	...	...	...	18
Deputy Commissioners.																									Rs		
Lucknow ...	...	2	1	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	3	...	...	32 00	...	1	20	1·66	
Unao ...	...	18	..	...	...	...	18	1	3	1	...	...	3	...	3	1	1	1	18	...	...	17·72	...	...	...	...	
Bara Banki ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Sitapur ...	...	10	...	2	...	...	13	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	27·45	...	...	...	...	
Hardoi ...	1	13	1	1	...	...	15	1	...	1	5	...	...	...	6	...	...	4	11	2	...	16·07	...	...	...	·18	9th December, 1882.
Kheri ...	...	9	...	...	...	...	9	...	1	1	3	...	...	...	8	1	1	...	14	1	...	7·88	...	...	...	·28	11th ditto.
Fyzabad ...	...	19	...	1	...	...	20	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	3	...	5	...	9	...	...	19 87	...	...	...	...	
Gonda ...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	11	...	4	...	16	4	...	30·	...	...	...	1·68	13th ditto.
Bahraich ...	...	7	...	...	...	...	7	...	1	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	40·71	...	...	...	...	
Bae Bareli ...	...	10	1	...	...	...	11	...	1	1	...	...	1	...	1	...	4	...	7	...	...	41·81	...	...	...	3·	
Sultanpur ...	...	5	...	...	...	1	6	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	...	2	...	11	...	...	39·	...	...	...	·54	
Partabgarh ...	...	4	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	4	...	...	...	5	...	...		...	...	...	2·	
Total	1	93	3	4	...	1	102	3	6	5	4	...	6	...	50	2	17	5	95	7	...	24·22	...	1	20	...	9th December, 1882.

PROVINCIAL RETURN No. XI. 1.—(CIVIL).

Showing the result of proceedings on applications for the execution of the decrees of the Civil Courts in the Province of Oudh, during the year 1883.

Districts.	Applications to execute decrees.				Applications disposed of				Pending at the close of the year.	Number of applications pending more than three months at the close of the year.	Amount realized.	
	Remaining from last year.	Filed or revived.	Received by transfer.	Total number of applications for the execution of decrees before the Courts.	By transfer.	Satisfaction obtained in full.	Satisfaction obtained in part.	Wholly infructuous, see columns 26 and 27.			With the issue of process.	Without the issue of process.
Provincial, 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Imperial, 1				2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
											Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
Lucknow District Judge	740	6,996	...	7,736	135	3,046	737	2,920	898	269	2,40,820 0 4	10,925 15 9
Lucknow City Small Cause Court	93	4,674	8	4,775	281	1,424	910	2,054	106	11	43,952 13 8	11,742 8 11
Lucknow Cantonment Small Cause Court... ...	8	181	14	203	18	41	139	3	2	...	3,456 0 0	804 2 6
Sitapur District Judge	619	5,259	65	5,943	161	1,976	1,116	1,869	801	253	1,73,075 7 1	7,286 13 3
Fyzabad District Judge	833	6,156	41	7,030	257	2,785	938	2,161	889	285	2,32,863 7 0	7,638 12 5
Fyzabad Cantonment Small Cause Court	1	19	5	25	7	4	4	10	...	...	160 5 0	20 0 0
Rae Bareli District Judge	762	5,480	...	6,242	118	2,575	973	1,788	788	194	2,69,885 9 8½	13,703 12 11
Total ...	3,056	28,765	133	31,954	997	11,851	4,817	10,805	3,484	1,012	9,63,713 10 9½	52,122 1 3

PROVINCIAL RETURN No. XI. 1.—(CIVIL).—(*concluded*).

Showing the result of proceedings on applications for the execution of the decrees of the Civil Courts in the Province of Oudh during the year 1883.

Districts.	Number of applications.											Wholly unfruitfuous.		Highest number of adjournments.	Average number of adjournments.	Number of cases under Rs. 100 in value in which pleaders' fees were awarded.	Value of smallest case in which so awarded.	Date of oldest pending application in each Court.
	On which the judgment debtor was imprisoned.	On which he was arrested but released without imprisonment.	On which moveable property: Was sold.	On which moveable property: Was attached but subsequently released.	On which immoveable property: Was sold.	On which immoveable property: Was dealt with under section 305, 332 or 334, Act XIV. of 1882.	On which immoveable property: Was attached but subsequently released under section 276.	On which possession was given: Of moveable.	On which possession was given: Of immoveable.	On which specific performance was enforced.	On which partition was effected.	On which execution was effected otherwise than in preceding columns.	From fault of decree-holder.	From other causes.					
Provincial 1	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32
Imperial 1	11	13	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22							23
Lucknow District Judge	56	82	466	1,114	221	16	364	2	553	20	6	1,394	762	2,138	66	2·77			28th November, 1881.
Lucknow City Small Cause Court	71	45	125	115	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,978	587	1,467	6	0·80			24th July, 1883.
Lucknow Cantonment Small Cause Court ...	1	14	9	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	3	...			13th December, 1883.
Sitapur District Judge	49	48	597	1,063	251	18	197	26	322	5	1	927	674	1,195	39	1·42			5th August, 1879.
Fyzabad District Judge	43	74	713	1,598	99	...	191	21	807	6	1	457	1,061	1,080	53	·25			13th August, 1881.
Fyzabad Cantonment Small Cause Court ...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	2	8	4	...			29th March, 1880.
Rae Bareli District Judge	54	24	635	974	122	13	119	27	609	1	...	1,226	634	1,154	39	2·42			5th August, 1879.
Total ...	290	287	2,545	4,973	693	47	871	76	1,991	33	8	6,037	3,763	7, 042	66	...			

PROVINCIAL RETURN No. XI. 2.—(Civil).

Showing the result of proceedings on applications for the execution of Small Cause Court decrees in the Courts of Sub-Judges and Munsifs, during the year 1883.

Classes of Courts and names of officers.	Applications to execute decrees.				Applications disposed of.				Pending at the close of the year.	Number of applications pending more than three months at the close of the year.	Amount realized.	
	Remaining from last year.	Filed or revived.	Received by transfer.	Total number of applications for the execution of decrees before the Courts.	By transfer.	Satisfaction obtained in full.	Satisfaction obtained in part.	Wholly infructuous, see columns 26 and 27.			With the issue of process.	Without the issue of process.
Provincial 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Imperial 1	...	...	...	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
											Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
Sub-Judges.												
Mirza Kalb Ali Khan, Unao	9	316	...	325	1	171	13	128	12	...	2,613 0 0	124 6 0
Major J. R. Marett, Bara Banki	8	37	...	45	...	14	10	21	...	...	1,358 5 10	
Saiyid Muhammad Ahmad of Sitapur ...	3	50	...	53	1	20	12	14	6	1	342 0 0	22 0 0
Saiyid Safdar Husain of Hardoi	21	336	...	357	1	121	60	134	41	3	7,825 10 3	...
Rae Sheo Sahai of Fyzabad	41	80	3	124	...	32	20	22	...	...	6,343 0 0	879 6 7
Pandit Hari Krishan of Fyzabad	...	340	4	344	28	146	52	90	78	2	3,707 4 0	1,014 1 0
Pandit Shyam Narayan of Gonda	27	364	...	391	32	175	39	128	17	...	4,831 8 0	270 14 0
Munshi Dhankal Parshad of Bahraich ...	61	583	6	650	66	175	144	226	39	2	6,974 7 0	272 5 0
Saiyid Ghulam Haidar of Sultanpur	37	307	...	344	38	143	23	92	48	1	5,525 1 0	112 10 0
Pandit Hari Krishan of Partabgarh	7	34	...	41	1	16	10	14	...	...	445 5 3	...
Total ...	214	2,447	13	2,674	168	1,013	383	869	241	9	39,965 9 4	2,695 10 7
Munsifs.												
Babu Gopal Chandar of Purwa	...	54	...	54	...	26	7	21	...	...	366 10 0	162 6 1
Saiyid Sharf Ali of Safipur	...	61	...	61	2	35	5	13	6	...	669 0 0	25 0 0
Saiyid Ikbal Ali of Fyzabad ...	...	37	...	37	...	22	1	7	7	1	250 5 0	1 0 0
Babu Bhupatti Charan Ghosal of Utraula ...	...	32	...	32	3	14	...	6	9	...	159 8 5	4 1 0
Munshi Abdussallam Khan of Sultanpur ...	...	53	...	53	...	19	2	10	22	3	374 5 0	...
Total ...	...	237	...	237	5	116	15	57	44	4	1,816 13 5	192 7 1
Grand Total ...	214	2,684	13	2,911	173	1,129	398	926	285	13	41,782 6 9	2,888 1 8

PROVINCIAL STATEMENT No. XI. 2—(CIVIL).

Showing the result of proceedings on applications for the execution of Small Cause Court Decrees in the Courts of Sub-Judges and Munsifs during the year 1883.

Classes of Courts and names of officers.	Number of Applications.												Wholly infructuous.		Highest number of adjournments.	Average number of adjournments.	Number of cases under Rs. 100 in value in which pleaders' fees were awarded.	Value of smallest case in which so awarded.	Date of oldest pending application in each Court.
	On which the judgment-debtor was imprisoned.	On which he was arrested but released without imprisonment.	On which moveable property.		On which immoveable property.			On which possession was given.		On which specific performance was enforced.	On which partition was effected.	On which execution was effected otherwise than in preceding columns.	From fault of decree-holder.	From other causes.					
			Was sold.	Was attached but subsequently released.	Was sold.	Was dealt with under sections 305, 322 or 326, Act XIV. of 1882.	Was attached but subsequently released under section 275.	Of moveable.	Of immoveable.										
Provincial 1	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32
Imperial 1	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22							23
Sub-Judge.																			
Mirza Kalb Ali Khan, Unao ...	4	2	42	79	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	111	9	119	5	·64	...	...	3rd Dec., 1883.
Major J. R. Marett, Lara Banki ...	2	1	7	27	2	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	6	15	15	1·68	...	...	
Saiyid Muhammad Ahmad of Sitapur ...	...	2	11	16	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	7	7	12	3·20	...	...	24th Sep., 1883.
Saiyid Safdar Husain of Hardoi ...	13	4	44	81	3	...	2	...	...	...	...	38	73	61	5	·86	...	...	10th Aug., 1883.
Rae Sheo Sahai of Fyzabad ...	...	2	17	25	1	...	5	...	...	...	1	1	9	13	5	3·33	...	...	
Pandit Hari Krishan of Fyzabad ...	5	12	36	121	...	...	1	2	...	...	...	39	61	29	5	1·47	...	...	13th Sep., 1883.
Pandit Shyam Narayan of Gonda ...	1	8	39	175	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	69	59	10	·44	...	...	27th Oct., 1883.
Munshi Dhaukal Parshad of Bahraich...	7	2	119	80	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	177	102	134	7	·74	...	...	21st June, 1883.
Saiyid Ghulam Haidar of Sultanpur ...	3	...	19	75	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	75	50	42	4	1·38	...	...	13th Sep., 1883.
Hari Krishan of Partabgarh ...	...	...	8	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	16	...	14	5	2·82	...	...	
Total ...	35	33	342	681	6	...	11	2	...	...	1	465	386	483	15	...	...	...	21st June, 1883.
Munsifs.																			
Babu Gopal Chandar of Purwa ...	...	...	3	21	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	5	16	6	1·24	...	...	
Saiyid Sharf Ali of Safipur ...	...	...	11	10	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	24	3	10	20	2·54	...	...	24th Nov., 1883.
Saiyid Ikbal Ali of Fyzabad ...	...	...	...	22	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	6	7	1·06	...	...	11th July, 1883.
Babu Bhupatti Charan Ghosal of Utraula.	...	...	...	14	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	1	3	3	...	...	...	...	
Munshi Abdussallam Khan of Sultanpur,	...	...	3	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	22	4	6	5	2·64	...	...	21st Aug., 1883.
Total ...	...	...	17	73	...	...	1	2	...	...	...	60	16	41	20	...	...	...	11th July, 1883.
Grand Total ...	35	33	359	754	6	...	12	4	...	...	1	525	402	524	20	...	...	...	21st June, 1883.

PROVINCIAL RETURN No. XI.—(RENT).

Showing the result of Proceedings on applications for the execution of the Decrees of the Rent Courts in the Province of Oudh, during the year 1883.

Districts.	Application to execution decrees.				Applications disposed of.						Amount realized.	
	Remaining from last year.	Filed or revived.	Received by transfer.	Total number of applications for the execution of decrees before the Courts.	By transfer.	Satisfaction obtained in full.	Satisfaction obtained in part.	Wholly infructuous, see columns 30 and 37.	Pending at the close of the present year.	Number of applications pending more than three months at the close of the present year.	With the issue of process.	Without the issue of process.
Provincial 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Imperial 1				2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
											Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
Lucknow	76	943	...	1,019	4	393	129	407	86	7	10,500 4 9	540 15 9
Unao	81	1,171	...	1,252	2	591	115	447	97	15	19,793 9 2	355 4 0
Bara Banki	60	845	...	926	4	358	83	376	105	10	15,231 8 6	3,244 14 1
Sitapur	22	293	1	316	1	124	41	111	39	7	6,109 8 5	785 11 0
Hardoi	67	922	2	1,011	1	577	107	239	87	29	13,068 0 9	1,550 4 9
Kheri	16	268	...	284	...	152	55	60	17	5	15,281 7 3	87 8 0
Fyzabad	136	1,887	1	2,024	8	880	367	618	151	80	14,414 9 10	9,667 12 9
Gonda	274	1,735	...	2,009	6	911	237	636	249	67	31,082 10 2	218 3 9
Bahraich	40	667	...	707	1	370	104	197	35	3	15,295 11 10	4,229 1 5
Rae Bareli	159	1,154	...	1,314	...	628	188	366	132	21	30,731 1 4	1,635 14 6
Sultanpur	349	1,500	...	1,749	10	861	336	337	196	72	39,233 12 11	778 7 7
Partabgarh	163	998	1	1,162	2	568	152	339	121	17	15,661 1 0	263 6 9
Total	1,385	12,414	5	13,804	39	6,413	1,904	4,133	1,315	333	2,26,342 8 5	23,557 8 4

PROVINCIAL RETURN No. XI.—(RENT)—(*concluded.*)

Showing the result of Proceedings on applications for the execution of the Decrees of the Rent Courts in the Province of Oudh, during the year 1883.

Districts	Number of applications: On which the judgment-debtor was imprisoned	On which he was arrested but released without imprisonment.	On which moveable property: Was sold.	On which moveable property: Was attached but subsequently released.	On which immoveable property: Was sold.	On which immoveable property: Was dealt with under section 305, 322 or 326, Act XIV. of 1882	On which immoveable property: Was attached but subsequently released under section 278.	On which possession was given: Of moveable	On which possession was given: Of immoveable	On which specific performance was enforced	On which partition was effected.	On which execution was effected otherwise than in preceding columns	Wholly or fractions: From fault of decree-holder	Wholly or fractions: From other causes	Highest number of adjournments.	Average number of adjournments	Number of cases under Rs 100 in value in which pleaders fees were awarded.	Value of smallest case in which no award	Date of oldest pending application in each Court
Provincial 1	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32
Imperial 1	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22							33
Lucknow	8	6	116	188	17	3	22		4			165	137	270	15	1·45			1st May, 1883
Unao	3	4	98	231	12	4	53		20	1		308	151	296	7	46			20th Sep, 1882
Bara Banki	8	2	85	168	11		15		9			30	166	210	12	67			12th March, 1883
Sitapur	4	4	31	36	3	1	3		12			74	34	77	12	1·48			14th Ditto
Hardoi	10	24	69	334	11	1	15		3			218	94	145	25	1 56			19th Sep, 1882.
Kheri	3	5	58	91	5	2	6		4	5		32	33	27	9	57			25th July, 1883.
Fyzabad	15	22	189	270	99	25	88		13			481	121	497					24th April, 1882.
Gonda	18	8	172	371	75		67		3			445	114	522	62	2·53			24th Sep, 1879.
Bahraich	12	4	111	192	6		7	7	9	5		120	98	101	10	65			2nd April, 1883.
Rae Bareli	26	13	187	372	24	3	46		20	2		123	101	265	32	1 41			14th May, 1883
Sultanpur	30	36	223	389	114	4	122		24			311	185	202					20th Sep, 1879.
Partabgarh	21	27	161	296	7	4	25	3	11			179	126	213	18				16th Sep, 1881
Total	176	162	1,458	2,930	384	44	435	10	132	13		2,479	1,310	2,825	62				20th Sep, 1879

PROVINCIAL RETURN No. XII.—(CIVIL AND RENT).

Showing the number and results of applications and proceedings in Insolvency under Chapter XX., Act XIV., of 1882, in the Province of Oudh, during the year 1883.

Classes of Courts	APPLICATION FOR A DECLARATION OF INSOLVENCY												Amount of creditors' claims dealt with during the year.		Gross amount of insolvents' assets realized and disbursed		Date of oldest pending case
	Remaining from last year.	Filed during the year.	Total number of applications.	Transferred to another province.	Granted. A receiver being appointed	Granted. A receiver not being appointed	Rejected. Penal proceedings under section 359 not being taken	Rejected. Sentence of imprisonment being passed under section 359.	Rejected. Applicant being sent to the Magistrate to be dealt with.	Pending at the close of the year.	Number of insolvents discharged during the year under section 356.	Number of insolvents' estates in hands of receivers in which proceedings were finally closed during the year.	Admitted	Satisfied	Realized during the year.	Disbursed during the year.	
Provincial	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Imperial			2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
													Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	
District Judge, Lucknow ...	1	26	27	...	3	3	16	...	...	5	6	....	3,180 0 1	191 5 11	292 7 4	193 1 11	2nd October, 1883
Ditto, Sitapur ...	...	4	4	...	...	...	2	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	23rd October, 1883.
Ditto, Fyzabad ...	...	5	5	...	...	...	3	...	...	1	...	...	563 8 0	...	548 2 6	1 5 3	20th December, 1883
Ditto, Rae Bareli ...	1	6	7	...	...	...	5	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	30th August, 1883.
Total ...	2	41	43	...	3	4	26	...	...	10	6	...	3,743 8 1	191 5 11	840 9 10	194 7 2	30th August, 1883.

PROVINCIAL RETURN No. XV.— CIVIL AND RENT.)

Showing the detention of witnesses before Civil and Rent Courts in suits, miscellaneous cases and in cases of execution of decree in the Courts of the districts of the Province of Oudh, during the year 1883.

	Discharged after being in attendance.										
	1 day	2 days	3 days.	4 days.	5 days.	6 days.	7 days.	8 days.	9 days.	10 to 28 days.	Total.
Civil Courts.											
Lucknow	14,644	265	38	8	10	...	...	...	...	...	14,965
Sitapur	11,484	294	15	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	11,795
Fyzabad	15,010	605	38	20	...	...	...	...	...	...	15,673
Rae Bareli	11,359	711	299	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12,369
Total ...	52,497	1,875	390	30	10	...	...	...	...	...	54,802
Small Cause Courts.											
Lucknow City Small Cause Court ...	2,768	17	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,785
Lucknow Cantonment ditto ...	311	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	311
Fyzabad ditto ditto ...	17	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	17
Total ...	3,096	17	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,113
Rent Courts.											
Lucknow	580	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	586
Unao	1,959	73	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,035
Bara Banki	835	35	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	870
Sitapur	685	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	690
Hardoi	1,964	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,969
Kheri	425	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	431
Fyzabad	1,328	23	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,351
Gonda	1,704	28	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,732
Bahraich	671	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	680
Rae Bareli	1,575	43	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,618
Sultanpur	2,559	7	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,567
Partabgarh	1,593	8	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,602
Total ...	15,867	247	5	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	16,121

PROVINCIAL RETURN No. XVI.—(Civil and Rent.)

Statement showing Receipts and Disbursements on account of processes in the Courts of the Province of Oudh, during the year 1883.

Districts.	Number of servers employed.	Aggregate number of processes served.	Average number per server.	Receipts.			Disbursements.						Remarks.
				Value of fees received within the year	Remittances from other Provinces.	Total.	Pay of Supervising Establishment including nazarat and bailiff.	Pay of peons.	Pension fund 12 per cent.	Contingencies and refunds.	Total.	Surplus or deficit.	
Civil.				Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	
District Judge, Lucknow	149	61,705	414	22,004 2 0	2 2 0	22,006 4 0	3,829 10 8	10,424 6 11	1,710 8 5	572 15 0	16,537 9 0	+5,468 11 0	
Ditto, Sitapur	147	50,096	340	18,340 1 0	24 6 0	18,364 7 0	3,030 0 0	10,294 2 0	1,598 14 3	328 12 4	15,251 12 7	+3,112 10 5	
Ditto, Fyzabad	124	64,727	530	21,315 7 0	3 10 0	21,319 1 0	2,999 15 0	8,644 12 10	1,397 5 8	608 14 10	13,651 0 4	+7,668 0 8	
Ditto, Rae Bareli	197	45,602	426	17,888 15 2	115 14 0	18,004 13 2	2,176 8 0	7,720 14 3	1,187 8 5	483 8 9	11,568 7 5	+6,436 5 9	
Small Cause Court, City Lucknow	41	17,289	421	4,838 6 0	3 8 0	4,841 14 0	1,260 0 0	2,870 0 4	495 9 7	64 10 0	4,690 3 11	+151 10 1	
Ditto, Cantonment Lucknow ...	2	962	481	276 4 0	...	276 4 0	144 0 0	132 0 0	33 1 11	...	309 1 11	−32 13 11	
Ditto, ditto Fyzabad ...	1	165	165	34 10 0	1 0 0	35 10 0	175 0 0	40 6 4	25 13 6	1 10 0	242 13 10	−207 3 10	
Total ...	571	240,546	421	84,697 13 2	150 8 0	84,848 5 2	13,615 1 8	40,126 10 8	6,448 13 9	2,060 6 11	62,251 1 0	22,597 4 2	
Rent.													
Deputy Commissioner, Lucknow	25	17,068	682	6,864 12 0	...	6,864 12 0	1,338 10 11	1,801 13 11	376 13 0	91 0 0	3,608 5 10	+3,256 6 2	
Ditto, Unao	40	40,917	1,022	10,526 6 0	...	10,526 6 0	1,416 0 0	2,906 1 7	518 7 0	34 15 0	4,875 7 7	+5,650 14 5	
Ditto, Bara Banki	31	19,444	627	4,975 3 0	...	4,975 3 0	1,176 0 0	2,081 10 1	390 14 11	0 8 0	3,649 1 0	+1,326 2 0	
Ditto, Sitapur	14	7,477	534	2,509 6 0	...	2,509 6 0	1,335 15 6	904 13 6	268 14 4	1 2 0	2,510 13 4	−7 7 4	
Ditto, Hardoi	37	22,720	614	6,149 15 0	...	6,149 15 0	1,416 0 0	2,504 11 10	470 7 9	46 0 0	4,437 3 7	+1,712 11 5	
Ditto, Kheri	11	4,967	451	1,703 11 0	...	1,703 11 0	480 0 0	769 8 5	149 15 1	35 2 0	1,434 9 6	+269 1 6	
Ditto, Fyzabad	66	44,501	674	9,311 11 0	...	9,311 11 0	1,676 0 0	4,486 4 2	538 5 7	36 10 0	6,737 3 9	+2,574 7 3	
Ditto, Gonda	43	21,642	503	6,328 3 0	16 8 0	6,344 11 0	845 2 3	3,001 15 9	461 10 5	139 6 6	4,448 2 11	+1,896 8 1	
Ditto, Bahraich	20	9,502	475	3,011 0 0	...	3,011 0 0	1,032 0 0	1,286 8 1	278 3 0	0 6 0	2,597 1 1	+413 14 11	
Ditto, Rae Bareli	30	17,578	585	4,892 0 0	1 0 0	4,893 0 0	1,476 0 0	2,097 8 4	428 13 1	8 8 0	4,010 13 5	+882 2 7	
Ditto, Sultanpur	47	28,609	608	7,444 3 0	5 12 0	7,449 15 0	1,521 2 6	3,340 7 0	559 6 0	14 12 0	5,235 11 6	+2,214 3 6	
Ditto, Partabgarh	56	36,517	652	8,930 5 0	10 4 0	8,940 9 0	1,032 0 0	3,726 9 7	571 0 6	...	5,329 10 1	+3,610 14 11	
Total ...	420	270,942	645	72,640 11 0	33 8 0	72,674 3 0	14,544 15 2	28,908 0 3	5,012 14 8	408 5 6	48,874 3 7	23,799 15 5	

PROVINCIAL RETURN No. XVIII.—(Civil and Rent).

Statement showing Receipts and Disbursements on account of Sale Commission Fund in the districts of the Province of Oudh, during the year 1883.

	Receipts.	Disbursements.			Balance.	Payable to Nazir, &c., under para. 16, Circular No. 24 of 1872.
	Value of fees received within the year.	Pay of peons.	Contingencies.	Total.		
	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
Civil.						
Lucknow	2,957 14 1	430 0 0	...	430 0 0	2,527 14 1	631-15 2
Sitapur	1,471 4 10	466 14 0	10 8 0	477 6 0	993 14 10	248 7 6
Fyzabad	3,439 9 3	252 8 10	0 8 10	281 1 6	3,186 7 7	796 9 11
Rae Bareli	1,118 7 10	577 1 5	...	577 1 5	541 6 5	135 5 6
Small Cause Courts.						
Lucknow City Small Cause Court	295 0 6	143 3 8	...	143 3 8	151 12 10	37 15 2
Ditto Cantonment ditto	84 4 9	...	...	...	34 4 9	8 9 2
Fyzabad ditto ditto	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	9,316 9 3	1,869 11 11	11 0 10	1,880 12 9	7,435 12 6	1,858 14 7
Rent.						
Lucknow	151 15 6	...	...	...	151 15 6	37 15 10
Unao	201 14 6	...	...	...	201 14 6	50- 7 7
Bara Banki	85 7 1	...	...	...	85 7 1	21 0 9
Sitapur	158 9 7	72 0 0	26 0 2	98 0 2	60 9 5	39 10 .5
Hardoi	88 4 4	...	0 4 0	0. 4 0	88 0 4	22 0 1
Kheri	236 0 9	69 1 7	...	69 1 7	166 15 2	41 11 9
Fyzabad	404 1 4	288 0 0	...	288 0 0	116 1 4	29. 0 4
Gonda	334 0 5	...	...	...	232 0 5	58 0 1
Bahraich	323 1 8	70 6 4	...	70 6 4	252 11 4	63 2 10
Rae Bareli	371 4 10	...	...	...	371 4 10	92 18 2
Sultanpur	565 12 4	134 5 8	...	134 5 8	431 6 8	107 13 8
Partabgarh	211 8 9	82 4 0	10 2. 0	92 6 0	119 2 9	29 12 8.
Total	3,630 1 1	716 1 7	36 6 2	752 7 9	2,377 9 4	593 9 2

APPENDIX A.

Statement showing Court Fees (other than Process Fees) realized in the Oudh Civil Courts during the year 1883.

Districts.	*Ad valorem Fees.*			*Fixed Fees.*		Gross fees realised.	Refunds under sections 10, 13, 14, 15, Act VII. of 1870, and under Notification No. 2768, dated 30th April, 1874.	Net fees realised.	Remarks.
	On plaints memoranda of appeal, and applications for review of judgment.	On copies and translations.	On certificates, probates and letters of administration.	On plaints and memoranda of appeal.	On other documents.				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	
Lucknow	74,115 13 0	3,593 2 0	19,197 0 0	2,629 7 0	3,611 3 0	1,93,146 9 0	698 0 0	1,92,448 9 0	
Unao	26,802 11 0	4,812 6 0	238 0 0	645 0 0	3,455 10 0	35,653 11 0	77 4 0	35,576 7 0	
Bara Banki	19,016 1 0	1,925 4 0	...	260 0 0	3,837 15 0	25,039 4 0	42 0 0	24,997 4 0	
Total, District Judge, Lucknow ...	1,19,934 9 0	10,330 12 0	19,435 0 0	3,534 7 0	10,904 12 0	1,53,839 8 0	817 4 0	1,53,022 4 0	
Sitapur	75,832 1 0	2,800 8 0	4,291 0 0	410 0 0	2,752 9 0	46,086 2 0	53 6 0	46,032 12 0	
Hardoi	23,757 9 0	2,530 2 0	...	120 0 0	2,266 1 0	28,673 13 0	...	28,673 13 0	
Kheri	12 281 7 0	790 14 0	...	70 0 0	931 10 0	14,073 15 0	...	14,073 15 0	
Total, District Judge, Sitapur ...	71,871 1 0	6,121 9 0	4,291 0 0	600 0 0	5,950 4 0	88,833 14 0	53 6 0	88,780 8 0	
Fyzabad	40,193 11 0	2,095 2 0	3,463 0 0	670 0 0	5,255 12 0	51,677 9 0	430 0 0	51,247 9 0	
Gonda	22,519 6 0	1,119 9 0	...	850 0 0	2,683 6 0	27,172 5 0	...	27,172 5 0	
Bahraich	16,241 0 0	241 12 0	...	394 0 0	823 6 0	17,699 2 0	...	17,699 2 0	
Total, District Judge, Fyzabad ...	78,953 1 0	3,456 7 0	3,463 0 0	1,914 0 0	8,762 8 0	96,549 0 0	430 0 0	96,119 0 0	
Rae Bareli	37,986 12 0	3,475 4 0	158 0 0	2,700 0 0	1,434 6 0	45,756 6 0	1,247 4 0	44,509 2 0	
Sultanpur	16,577 15 0	2,500 8 0	...	660 0 0	1,927 0 0	21,665 7 0	...	21,665 7 0	
Partabgarh	16,710 13 0	1,728 1 0	...	2,186 4 0	...	20,625 2 0	...	20,625 2 0	
Total, District Judge, Rae Bareli ...	71,277 8 0	7,703 13 0	158 0 0	5,546 4 0	3,361 6 0	88,046 15 0	1,247 4 0	86,799 11 0	
Judicial Commissioner's Court ...	38,706 5 0	2,127 8 0	44 0 0	5,135 13 0	...	46,033 10 0	333 12 0	45,699 14 0	
GRAND TOTAL ...	3,80,742 8 0	29,459 1 0	27,391 0 0	16,730 8 0	28,978 14 0	4,83,292 15 0	2,881 10 0	4,80,411 5 0	

APPENDIX B.

Statement showing the Income and Expenditure of the Civil Courts in Oudh, during the year 1883.

Districts.	Income.					Expenditure.							
	Net value of stamps exclusive of those used to denote process fees.	Duty and penalty on instruments not duly stamped.	Fines.	Net process fees.	Judicial record fund.	Total.*	Salaries of officers presiding over Civil Courts and their establishments.*	Process serving establishment. Nazir, naxira, and office ramis.	Process serving peons.	Judicial record fund.	Total.	Surplus.	Deficit.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
Lucknow ...	1,02,486 9 0	175 4 6	60 8 0	7,551 8 0	3,345 5 0	1,13,581 2 0	42,007 1 3	1,793 10 0	3,884 5 1	1,535 2 7	48,820 3 7	64,760 14 5	...
Unao ...	35,576 7 0	526 4 9	10 0 0	8,780 7 0	1,760 15 6	46,654 1 6	23,853 13 11	1,136 0 0	3,753 11 11	585 13 2	29,329 7 0	17,324 10 8	...
Bara Banki ...	24,997 4 0	244 12 0	43 1 9	5,582 5 0	1,309 3 0	32,176 9 9	19,220 9 2	900 0 0	3,301 6 0	837 -4 7	24,257 3 9	7,917 6 0	...
Total of District Judge, Lucknow	1,63,022 4 0	946 4 0	113 9 9	21,914 4 0	6,415 7 6	1,92,411 13 3	85,081 8 4	3,829 10 8	10,589 7 0	2,958 4 4	1,02,408 14 4	90,002 14 11	...
Sitapur ...	46,032 12 0	319 2 0	...	6,869 14 0	1,911 12 6	55,133 8 6	29,281 9 8	1,200 0 0	4,492 3 7	1,109 9 3	36,083 6 6	19,050 2 0	...
Hardoi ...	26,673 13 0	187 9 0	401 8 0	8,434 6 0	1,251 4 7	38,648 8 7	19,749 10 3	1,020 0 0	3,880 8 8	731 6 0	25,381 8 9	13,267 2 10	...
Kheri ...	26,073 15 0	165 14 0	...	3,730 5 0	428 0 0	18,398 2 0	11,738 0 0	360 0 0	2,030 5 9	320 12 4	14,449 2 1	3,948 15 11	...
Total of District Judge, Sitapur.	98,780 8 0	672 9 0	101 8 0	19,034 9 0	3,591 1 1	1,12,180 3 1	60,769 3 11	2,580 0 0	10,402 14 10	2,161 11 7	75,913 14 4	36,266 4 9	...
Fyzabad ...	51 247 9 0	461 4 0	49 13 4	7,914 14 0	3,465 4 0	63,138 12 4	47,683 0 4	1,185 6 6	3,145 14 2	1,128 2 9	53,245 7 9	9,892 4 7	...
Gonda ...	27,178 5 0	249 14 0	30 9 0	7,538 9 0	1,346 13 0	36,338 2 0	20,051 5 7	1,140 0 0	3,380 13 11	704 15 3	25,277 2 9	11,060 15 3	...
Bahraich ...	17,699- 2 0	97 9 9	...	6, 41 13 0	455 10 6	24,594 3 6	14,942 12 4	737 0 0	2,888 12 4	277 0 5	18,885 9 1	6,098 9 5	...
Total of District Judge, Fyzabad.	96,119 0 0	808 11 0	80 6 4	22,095 4 0	5,267 11 6	1,24,371 0 10	82,677- 2 3	3,205 6 6	9,416 8 5	2,110 2 5	97,408 3 7	26 952 13 3	...
Rae Bareli ...	44,509 2 0	988 0 0	5 8 0	6,397 14 2	2,001 7 0	53,901 15 2	35,077 3 1	860 0 0	3,025 12 7	1,039 6 7	39,996 6 3	13,9 . 8 3	...
Sultanpur ...	21,665 7 0	467 11 0	11 0 0	6,847 5 0	1,163 2 0	29,654 9 0	13,659 5 7	660 0 0	2,600 0 3	458 10 9	16,318 0 7	13,276 8 5	...
Partabgarh ...	20,625 2 0	137 10 0	11 0 0	5,259 10 0	724 10 0	26,758 0 0	13 553 13 6	656 8 0	2,095 1 8	421 6 6	16,726 13 5	10,031 2 7	...
Total of District Judge, Rae Bareli.	86,799 11 0	1,593 5 0	27 8 0	18,004 13 2	3,889 3 0	1,10,314 8 2	61,284 6 3	2,176 8 0	7,720 14 3	1,919 7 10	73,101 4 3	37,213 3 11	...
Judicial Commissioner's Court.	45,829 14 0	...	...	7,711 8 0	...	47,901 6 0	58,599 15 4	297 14 0	...	600 0 0	59,407 13 4	...	11,506 7 4
GRAND TOTAL ...	4,80,411 5 0	4,020 13 0	323 0 1	83,250 6 2	19,168 7 1	5,87,173 15 4	3,43,322 4 0	12,089 7 2	38,078 12 6	9,749 10 2	4,08,240 1 10	1,80,445 4 10	11,506 7 4

* This column includes the whole salary of the Judicial Commissioner and of the two Cantonment Magistrates—all three officers being criminal as well as civil functionaries.

ORDERS OF GOVERNMENT.

No. 1206 / VII.-229-5 OF 1884

FROM

THE SECY. TO GOVT., N.-W. P. AND OUDH,

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT,

TO

THE JUDICIAL COMMISSIONER, OUDH.

DATED CAMP LUCKNOW, THE 15TH NOVEMBER, 1884.

SIR,

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT. (CIVIL.)

I AM directed to acknowledge the receipt, on the 15th of September, of the Report on the Administration of Civil Justice in Oudh during the calendar year 1883.

2. In paragraph 4 of the report a comparative statement is given of the number, value, and duration of the suits instituted in all the Courts during 1882 and 1883. The total number of civil suits increased from 53,051 to 53,556; in value there has been a remarkable rise,—in 1881 it was little over fifty-three lakhs, in 1882 it was 106 lakhs, in 1883 it was 147 lakhs. In suits of all values, except the highest, there was little change; but in suits for a value exceeding Rs. 10,000 the number rose from 58 to 83. A comparison of the suits instituted in Oudh with those instituted during the same period in the North-Western Provinces still leads, however, to the same conclusion as to the disproportionate amount of petty litigation in the latter province that has already been expressed in the review of last year's report. In Oudh the number of institutions was 53,556, or one in 212 of the population; in the North-Western Provinces it was 87,760, or one in 372. Of the Oudh suits 32 per cent. were valued at Rs. 10 or under, and in only 23 per cent. of the suits was the average value over Rs. 50. In the North-Western Provinces the number of suits valued at Rs. 10 or under was only 9 per cent. of the whole, and 48 per cent. of the suits instituted were of a value of over Rs. 50. The average value of each suit was in Oudh Rs. 274, in North-Western Provinces Rs. 595.

It is satisfactory to find that of suits upon contract the proportion based upon documentary evidence continues to increase. In the North-Western Provinces the ratio of suits upon contract in writing is double the Oudh proportion; on the other hand, the Oudh ratio of suit on account stated is double that in the North-Western Provinces. This characteristic has no doubt a close connection with the lower value of the Oudh litigation.

3. The total number of suits before the Courts during the year was 61,436, and there were pending at the close of the year 5,753 suits, of which 1,647 had been pending over three months. The file of pending suits was still very heavy in Fyzabad, but in no division of the province was the work so heavy. In Rae Bareli, which is the lightest Judgeship, there was an increase in the arrears.

The cases disposed of were classified as follows :—

Without trial	12,365
Compromised	6,418
Decreed on confession	7,615
,, *ex parte*	6,194
Dismissed	1,011
On arbitration	532
After contest—	
For plaintiff	13,703
For defendant	7,845

Cases disposed of without trial include cases dismissed for default, cases withdrawn with permission, and cases in which the plaints were rejected or returned. They were comparatively much more numerous in Oudh than in the North-Western Provinces, being about 19 per cent. of the total number of cases before the Courts in the former province and 12 per cent. in the latter. It should be ascertained, if possible, whether the apparently disproportionate number of such cases in Oudh is due to a difference in the classifications adopted in the two provinces or to a difference of procedure. If the difference is genuine, the reasons should be examined.

4. The appellate Courts had 4,524 appeals for disposal during the year. Of the contested cases 324 were remanded. In 2,174 cases the orders of the lower Court were confirmed, in 264 they were modified, and in 653 reversed. The proportion of cases in which the orders of the lower Court were reversed or modified, and in which a remand was ordered, seems somewhat large, and, as shown by the comparative statement in paragraph 14, the statistics of appeals compare somewhat unfavourably with those of the preceding year. The remands made in appeal by the Sub-Judges of Fyzabad and Bara Banki were exceptionally numerous, and seem to indicate careless work in their Munsifs' Courts.

5. Applications for execution (Small Cause Court statistics being excluded) amounted to 24,840. In paragraph 20 the manner in which these were disposed of is compared with the statistics of 1882. The proportion of decrees that proved wholly infructuous remained the same as in the preceding year—namely, 32 per cent. ; but there was a slight and satisfactory increase (from 38 to 40 per cent.) in the proportion of those satisfied in full. The Oudh Courts appear to be considerably more successful in the execution of their decrees than the Courts of the North-Western Provinces, where during 1883 on over 50 per cent. of decrees nothing whatever was realised. This greater efficiency in the recovery of the sums adjudged to plaintiffs is the more noteworthy that the returns indicate a litigation among a poorer class and comparatively petty in value.

6. The number of witnesses who came before the Civil Courts was 54,802, and if the registers are correctly kept—a question that is still a matter of some doubt—there was little excessive detention of witnesses by the Courts.

7. In paragraphs 26—32 an account is given of the work done during the year in the Courts vested with Small Cause Court powers. It is noticeable that in these Courts 7,638 cases were disposed of without contest, and 6,042 by judgment after contest. You consider these figures very satisfactory, and it is doubtless of advantage to have so large a proportion of cases disposed of in an expeditious and comparatively inexpensive manner; but care should be taken to ascertain that this result is not in any way due to a summary and perfunctory method of disposing of business on the part of these Courts. There was an improvement in the ratio of cases decreed in favour of the plaintiff after trial. In the execution of their decrees the Small Cause Courts were hardly so successful as the ordinary tribunals.

8. In the Rent Court statistics of the year, the most remarkable fact is the decreased litigation that occurred in all districts of the province except three in which there was a trifling increase. Suits for the recovery of arrears of rent rose from 18,751 to 19,486, and there was an increase of over 25 per cent. in suits relating to distraint; but on the whole there was a decided decrease, which was most marked in the case of suits classified as "suits for ejectment or recovery of possession," which fell from 1,976 to 1,008, and in "other suits," of which only 10,312 were instituted as compared with 13,213 in 1882. It appears from the district reports that the decrease under the latter head was in great part due to a diminution in the number of suits to contest notices of ejectment. This diminution, which is perhaps the most remarkable feature of the year's litigation, seems to have been due—

(1) to an actual decrease in the number of notices of ejectment issued. It appears to be possible that in some districts landlords made a much more moderate use of their powers than usual, and this moderation may not be unconnected with the enquiries that had been set afoot and were being prosecuted during the year regarding the relation of landlord and tenant in Oudh;

(2) to the ruling of the late Judicial Commissioner that the existence of unexhausted improvements should not be set up as a bar to ejectment. In consequence of this ruling tenants were obliged to file applications to recover possession instead of contesting the notices of ejectment in the first instance.

It is matter for consideration whether suits to contest notices of ejectment should not be classified under "suits for ejectment or recovery of possession" instead of under "other suits."

9. In the execution of their decrees the Rent Courts were very successful, 46·45 per cent. being returned as satisfied in full and 13·79 per cent. in part. About 30 per cent.—or the same proportion as last year—were wholly infructuous.

10. The number of witnesses examined was 16,121, of whom 98 per cent. were discharged on the day they appeared. Deputy Commissioners have paid considerable attention to testing the registers of

detention, with the result that these have been found fairly accurate on the whole. The remarks on this subject of the Deputy Commissioners of Gonda and Sultánpur point to a danger that undoubtedly exists, that the Courts, in order to have a clear detention statement, may have recourse to frequent adjournments instead of merely postponing the case to the next day, and may thus inflict considerably more inconvenience on suitors than would be caused by a few days' detention. And it should be understood by all judicial officers that they are expected not to regard statistical results in comparison with the duty of taking time over suits, and proceeding with the necessary deliberation in important cases.

11. In the Judicial Commissioner's Court there were 747 civil appeals for disposal, of which 303 were pending at the close of the year. On the Rent side the Judicial Commissioner had to deal with 410 appeals, of which 150 were left pending. In addition to these there were 30 miscellaneous appeals for disposal.

12. The total amount of court-fees (other than process-fees) realised in the Oudh Civil Courts during the year was, after deducting refunds, Rs. 4,80,411, or Rs. 52,461 more than in 1882, the increase being common to all four Judgeships. The total income of the Courts from all sources amounted to Rs. 5,87,179, as compared with Rs. 5,30,865 in 1882; while the total expenditure, owing to a considerable decrease in the cost of the process-serving establishment, was reduced from Rs. 4,15,426 to Rs. 4,08,240. The net surplus at the credit of the Government was, therefore, Rs. 1,78,939.

13. The Courts of Civil Justice generally have disposed of a large amount of work with creditable results, as judged by the statistics of appeal and the recovery of the dues decreed to successful litigants.

I have the honor to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient servant,

J. WOODBURN,

Secy. to Govt., N.-W. P. and Oudh.